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Status Question

In the House of Lords, on June 25, first reading was given to a bill amending the British North America Act to ratify the recent agreements between the Canadian Government and the Governments of the four western provinces. The bill is down for a second reading next Wednesday and, no doubt, will become law in the near future.

This announcement is the sequel to an interesting contretemps in the Canadian Commons on May 27. Mr. Lapointe finished a lengthy disquisition on the new sovereign status alleged to have been obtained for Canada by the present Government. Thereupon the Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, prime minister, moved that the Imperial Parliament be asked to confirm and thereby give force and effect to the agreements which have been entered into between the Government of Canada and the Legislatures of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia.

In doing so the premier explained that the British Parliament was merely acting as an agent of Canada in amending its own constitution. This surely was a rather ineffective splitting of hairs. The fact is that Canada exists by reason of a statute passed at Westminster and that when we wish to have that statute varied we go to Westminster to get it done.

This incident emphasizes the emptiness of much academic buncome talked about national status and independent sovereignty. Professor Kennedy of the University of Toronto, told the Canadian Bar Association that "we must not mortgage the future to abstractions or bankrupt the general welfare of the Empire by speculating on the stock market of theoretical legal rights."

The Conscriptio Bogey

Evidence daily accumulates that the Liberals of Quebec are intent upon stemming the tide of Conservative victory by overworking the old bogey of conscription, which did such useful service in previous general elections. At the Liberal convention in Joliette, the nominee, Mr. C. E. Ferland, warned his hearers that if the Hon. B. Bennett and the Conservative party went into power conscription would again be enforced and Canada's sons would be sent to India to help England fight Mahatma Gandhi and the poor Hindu farmers.

Mr. Ferland seemed quite sure of an impending war in the great Asiatic dependency. He added: "There is war in India today. A greater conflict looms between that country and England. Is it our fault that 20,000,000 poor Hindu farmers in India are ruled and do not want to be dominated by a few British soldiers? Is it our fault if these Hindu wage war against England? But it will be our fault, if we send to the Imperial Conference in London this fall, Mr. Bennett and his associates, the successors of Borden and Meighen, the ultra-Imperialists, who will decree that when England fights with India, Canada will, too. The future of Canada will be very uncertain under these Tory heads."

This is the chief argument used by Premier King's Quebec candidates in this general election of 1930.

Give Canada a Chance

At Woodstock, discussing the present set back in business conditions, Mr. Bennett declared that Canada today had a million and a quarter less people than it should have. Why? because the boys and girls were leaving the farms for the United States. Emigrants came here and went on to the United States. "They come in the front door and out the back to the United States," he declared. Still, despite this loss of population, there was unemployment here. "And is it any wonder," Mr. Bennett asked, "that there is more un-

employment in the United States than in Canada when they have a million and a quarter people that we brought here."

Last year, he asserted, 40 million pounds of New Zealand butter had come into Canada. Canada in five years has gone from a butter-exporting to a butter-importing country. "And whose was the butter that was displaced on the market by that 40 million pounds? Was it yours?" he asked.

The New Zealand treaty, however, was only an instance, Mr. Bennett said. He challenged anyone in the audience to name a single trade agreement or a single beneficial trade agreement or treaty made by the Government. He paused for an answer, but got none. "Come, come, isn't there a Liberal here?" asked Mr. Bennett amid laughter. "Can't anyone name a treaty? I came to call the sinners, not the righteous, to repentance."

Mr. Bennett then laid down, amid applause, the fiscal policy by which Conservatives pledged themselves to build up Canada. "Our Government," he asserted, "will put behind industry, agricultural or otherwise, its collective strength to ensure first to Canadians their whole home market against the world. We must produce as cheaply as the world. To do that we must have our home market absolutely for Canadians. We will pass legislation to give Canadians such conditions as will permit them to meet any fair competition in any market in the world. And that we will do or perish in the attempt."

"Give Canada a fair chance and you can only do that, men and women, by seeing that this country doesn't become the dumping market for the surplus products of the rest of the world."

"We, the Conservatives, are not against any country but we are for Canada. And the tariff legislation of Canada must be framed for Canada."

These are the words of a statesman, of a man who knows whereof he speaks.

Editorial Notes

When Liberal orators talk about "world wide unemployment," what about France? There is no unemployment there.

Another cut-rate gasoline war is reported in San Francisco. Motorists are hoping for the time when gas will be as free as "air."

"If Chicago could place another Byng of Vimy over its police and give him continued support, and if it could reduce the bootlegging within orderly bounds, it would be ready to go ahead with its World's Fair," says the New York World.

Prince Edward Island veterans who served under Lord Byng in the Great War, will be interested to know their former Commander-in-Chief has resumed direction of affairs as head of Scotland Yard. The distinguished soldier, following a cleanup of Piccadilly Circus and the West End of London, went to South Africa, where he remained four months. He returns to England with health restored and prepared to continue his campaign against evildoers.

The migratory bird convention between Canada and the United States has been of great benefit to both of them, but unfortunately Newfoundland, which most of these birds pass or frequent, was not included in it. Jack Miner was in that colony for a week in the spring and, having been impressed by the evil consequences of this omission, has addressed a public appeal to the people of Newfoundland to join in this co-operative bird-saving treaty, so that the birds of North America may continue to flourish.

Notes By The Way

The road accident statistics for 1929 make appalling reading. On the roads of Britain last year there were over 150,000 accidents, involving the loss of 7,000 lives and inflicting injuries on 170,000 people. These figures show an increase of more than 4,000 in the number of accidents and 500 more deaths on the previous year, and unless some sort of control of the roads is evolved we may be sure that, with the ever-growing number of vehicles, the loss of life and limb will increase in the future. It seems to us that driving licenses can at present be obtained with a dangerous facility, and one of the first steps toward intelligent control of the roads must take the form of scientifically formulated reaction tests for the driver.

G. K. Chesterton, the celebrated English author, must have had in mind a Canadian June countryside, when he wrote: "It is considerably cheaper to sit in a meadow and see motors go by than to sit in a motor and see meadows go by."

"The cancellation of the arrangement to broadcast Mr. Bennett's speech over C. N. R. A. on Tuesday night," says the Moncton Times, "is pretty small business. The C. N. R. King Government. He paused for an answer, but got none. "Come, come, isn't there a Liberal here?" asked Mr. Bennett amid laughter. "Can't anyone name a treaty? I came to call the sinners, not the righteous, to repentance."

Considering the fact that hundreds of thousands of tourists are now visiting Canada annually not merely for an afternoon drive or a few hours in Canadian territory, but for a stay of days or weeks, it is surprising how few complaints are received as to the character of accommodation in Canadian hotels or tourist stopping places, states the National Development Bureau of the Department of the Interior.

Any organization dealing with the tourist traffic naturally expects to receive a few "kicks" and of course the human equation enters largely into these. There is always bound to be someone lacking in thoughtfulness or foresight in caring for the needs of the visitors to Canada. A year or so ago, there was issued from Ottawa, the warning "Don't Overcharge the Tourist." In the lessening of complaints on this score it is apparent that the message was effective and that this advice was received in the spirit in which it was given—for the good of this growing industry in the Dominion.

If there were plenty of employment for Canadians in Canada, at wages as attractive as those across the border, there would be no exodus. The Conservative policy as enunciated by Honorable R. B. Bennett is to provide employment in Canada. This will solve the exodus problem.

"The constant reiteration of the same phrase to express a wide range of meaning or sentiment," said the Honorable Stanley Baldwin in a recent address, "generally shows that the user of these phrases is as limited in intelligence as he or she is in vocabulary."

"Our public life has been given over to the place hunter who regards the vote as merely something which can help him to power, with victory most certain for the man who can best manipulate it," says the Sydney N. S. W. Bulletin, "and our present financial embarrassment is almost wholly due to the fact that that manipulation and attempted manipulation has been done mainly with public funds."

The Conservative policy does not differ in principle from the National Policy of Sir John A. MacDonald, a policy which brought prosperity to Canada after a period of depression, and a policy to which the Liberal party, under its greatest leader, adhered. A policy of that kind is needed in Canada now no less than it was in 1878. The prosperity of which the Liberal Government boasted, and for which that government did not hesitate to take credit has given place to a period of more or less depression, for which, curiously enough, Mr. King and his associates assume no responsibility. If it is fair to assume that the business recession which has been experienced during the past year would have been considerably softened, if indeed it could not have been wholly averted, under a more enlightened fiscal policy, it must follow that the adoption of such a policy now would not only lead to an early trade revival but would serve as a guarantee sense a national policy.



That Body of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

YOU MUST TAKE A VACATION.

You have likely noticed at times these municipal, county, state or provincial employees whose work is cutting down the weeds and long grass along the right of way.

You have noticed perhaps that they seemed to spend a great deal of time in sharpening the scythe. Perhaps like myself you have thought that this constant sharpening was simply a little scheme on their part to get a rest from their labor.

Now this may at times have been the reason but in the majority of cases, they stop to hone or sharpen the scythe so that they can do more effective work against the weeds and long grass.

So although the time taken off may seem to be wasted, it is really time saved as the job is done more quickly and more effectively.

I believe you can readily guess what I have in mind, and that is this matter of your vacation.

You have a lot of work to do, the days seem too short to enable you to do it. Instead of taking a vacation you feel that your only chance to catch up with your work, to do your work more effectively, is to get at your work an hour earlier and stay an hour later. You feel that you simply haven't the time to take a vacation.

Now when you get away from your work on a vacation you are really sharpening your wit and strengthening your body, so that when you come back your brain is clearer, your body stronger, and with clear brain and strong body, you will do better work in less time than if you continue to work with tired brain and tired, weakened body.

There is nothing tires as does routine and nothing stimulates like change.

So don't get it into your head that you can't afford the time for a vacation, or that you really do not need one. The time spent away from the routine of your daily work will be just like the sharpening of the scythe. Three weeks or at least two weeks is none too long for this recreating, or sharpening process.

Remember the scythe not only is not doing any work when it is being sharpened, but is getting its edge put into best possible condition. And your vacation not only means that you stop work but that you do the things that will sharpen your wits and strengthen your body.

Don't try to do without a vacation.



OLD WHARVES: HALIFAX

Half a century ago, On the tides that shoreward swept, Merchant vessels, swift or slow, To the harbor leapt or crept.

From the fertile Indian Isles In hot Southern seas they came, Over ocean's countless miles, With red sunset fires aflame.

Fruited cargoes here they brought, Guava, ginger, fig, and prune, Rice and spice and rare birds caught In the sluggish tropic noon.

Proud old wharves, so silent now, Haughtier in your grim decay Than when many a princely prow Sought you from the lower bay.

Symbols of dead dreams are ye, Figures of the phantom piers Where we made so buoyantly Anchor in our earlier years.

—A. W. H. Eaton

Written in the late nineties.

THE LAND WE LOVE

BANK LEIGH

NAVIGATING THE ST. LAWRENCE RAPIDS.

Q. When were the St. Lawrence Rapids navigated?

A. The first large boat to descend the Rapids of the St. Lawrence was S.S. "ONTARIO" built on Lake On-

against further serious recessions in the future. The makeshift policy evolved by Messrs King and Dunning, and which the Canadian people are now being asked to accept, affords no such guarantee. It is not in any sense a national policy.

The Public Forum

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. This Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

DAYLIGHT VS. STANDARD

Sir,—Through a little negligence on the part of the Board of Education, many parents and children outside of the city were greatly inconvenienced. The post cards sent to candidates for Prince of Wales College entrance did not state whether the time was Standard or Daylight Saving, with the result that many, to avoid being late, followed Daylight Saving and arrived at college to find they were an hour and a quarter or thereby too soon. Surely the Board of Education should have had consideration for country candidates and specified Standard Time.

I am, Sir, etc., RURAL

MR. BENTLEY ANSWERED

Sir,—This morning's mail brings to us that very wonderful organ "The Temperance Bulletin", written and published by one, Wm. E. Bentley, of Charlottetown, in which he asks the question, what kind of children are we to have in the next generation?

Truly, another ostrich with his head in the sand!

Let us give to the present generation their legitimate heritage, and the future will take care of itself.

He criticizes Mr. McLure in regard to his responsibility in connection with The Guardian. Let me tell him that men of Mr. McLure's calibre are the greatest asset this province can boast of.

This is our answer to Mr. McLure on the 28th.

I am, Sir, etc., WOMAN VOTER FROM MORELL

tario in 1840. More than 85 years have therefore passed since she made her first down trip.

No craft of her size had ever attempted to run the Long Sault, and two Indians were promised one thousand dollars each if they could pilot the ship successfully. To test the depth of the water a crib forty feet square was made and stakes ten feet long projected from the bottom. The crib was released at the head of the rapids and recaptured in the quiet water below. The stakes were examined and it was found that none had been damaged. So the Ontario was sent through guided by the two Indians who had watched the progress of the crib from the shore. It was fifteen years before another steamer made the attempt. The descent of the Rapids as a tourist attraction became popular not long after this and has continued ever since.

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