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THE POLITICAL SITUATION

Canada enters the New Year under a political cloud, a cloud that has in it portents of danger and of humiliation. The institution heretofore known and functioning as a government is no longer a government but a hold-up. Its own openly admitted purpose is to hold on to office regardless of its defeat at the polls on October 29th last, regardless of the personal defeat of its prime minister and the majority of his cabinet ministers, regardless of the fact that its policies and its actions have been condemned by every province except two and these two were actuated in their vote by other than political motives.

Because there is a possibility of securing the support of certain members who were elected in opposition to, and in protest against, the government the Ministers at the head hope to hang on to their ministerial emoluments and the subservient press and the job hunters throughout the country are encouraging them in the hope and are ready to back them up in any means that may make the hanging on possible. The situation is unparalleled in the history of the civilized world and is as disgraceful and humiliating as it is unparalleled. It is freely admitted that the support looked for to keep the broken and dismantled government on its feet can be secured only by concessions, bribes and other corrupt means at the expense of the country as a whole and of injury to the rest of the dominion. Nevertheless Mr. Mackenzie King and his defeated ministers cherish the hope that these means may be effective and that they shall be able to hold on to their dear emoluments.

Before the election of October 29 Premier King explained, and the Liberal press heralded it throughout the land, that his reason for dissolving parliament and appealing to the country a year before the expiration of the parliamentary term, was that, on account of the small majority at his command he was unable to carry out his pre-election promises. This, although reiterated at many public meetings and through the Liberal press, was not the reason; it was an excuse, for his government was defeated then and he could not have faced another session. Now he has a much smaller majority but he hopes to be able to hold out with such help as he can purchase!

The last parliamentary session was as barren of any useful legislation as the Sahara Desert is barren of vegetation. In fact, there is another similarity—the desert produces noxious and poisonous weeds; the King Government produced injurious legislation, legislation which injured industry and almost depopulated Canada. And this Government proposes to carry on, and it is possible it can do so. The \$1,000 indemnity and the ten and fifteen thousand salaries have a strong pull. It will be interesting to watch during the session which opens on the 7th inst. how many or who shall consent to perpetuate this disgraceful farce for the sake of the consideration involved, for that and that alone can be the only consideration.

There is but one way out of the disgraceful situation, that is, dissolution of parliament and an appeal to the country. Mr. King, or whoever his substitute may be, can do nothing in the circumstances which have arisen. Mr. Meighen would not attempt to carry on, and he would not purchase support.

SOME POTATOES!

A California exchange, for a copy of which we are indebted to a former Prince Edward Islander now a resident of the Golden State, tells us on this situation.

of a new method of growing potatoes. On a backyard plot eight feet square, a potato yield of 42 bushels was grown. This is at the rate of 28,000 bushels per acre, according to the authority quoted. Whether this phenomenal yield means that California soil is more productive than ours or that Californians are bigger liars than we are, may be left to the reader's judgment. The method which produced this wonderful yield was the "crate plot," the potatoes being grown in storeys one above another and the vines procuring their light and air through the spaces between the slats forming the crate.

We do not anticipate any sudden rush to this method of growing potatoes so long as land is as abundant and as cheap as at present, but there is no patent on the process and anyone who has the time and the inclination may experiment with it. In the meantime the bulk of our potatoes will be grown in the old way.

EDITORIAL NOTES

It was a great New Year's Day. And the day after the night before wasn't too bad, either.

Politics, which has been quiet during the holidays will now blaze up as brightly as if there had been no Christmas and no happy New Year.

Joint public meetings in the Cardigan District begin this evening when the candidates, Messrs. MacPhee and Power will address the electors. These meetings should all be well attended and the questions before the public thoroughly threshed out.

Prince Edward Island appears to have the only decent weather on the continent this year, and it has been exceptionally decent. There has not been a bad break since the first of December, and only on one or two nights did the mercury touch zero.

The federal members leave this week for the Capital to be present at the opening of the House on the 7th. How long they shall remain, what they shall do is as yet one of the political conundrums. It has been said that some of the Liberal members are in revolt and that they have already stated that they will not accept their indemnity; but, of course, this may be only a rumor. Anyway they will have an opportunity shortly to show what manner of men they are.

Kensington has made a move which other communities would do well to emulate. They have organized a Community Welfare Club, which will undertake to put on a course of lectures and such other entertainments as may be agreed upon for the general welfare and entertainment of the community. A number of gentlemen have already consented to give lectures and the success of the club is assured. We commend the move to other communities.

The esteemed Pioneer rises to inform the public that protection didn't benefit the United States any, that all the talk about prosperity in that country was an invention of wicked Conservatives. Perhaps our astute contemporary will now tell us why so many Canadians slipped across the line to look for work which they could not find at home. These Canadians thought they were getting higher wages there than they ever received at home. And they thought the reason was that the manufacturers were sufficiently protected to keep foreign products out of competition thus saving American labor for Americans and with some to spare for Canadians. The esteemed Pioneer should shed a little more light on this situation.

Notes By The Way

It is good news to Mr. Kipling's many friends that on the sixtieth anniversary of his birth he was able to sit up after his severe illness. Congratulations by telegraph, telephone and mail came pouring in upon him from all parts of the world. Bad weather in England has retarded his recovery, but he is reported to be making steady progress toward health and strength.

Gales, torrential rains and floods have marked the holiday season in England and western Europe. It reads strangely in a cable despatch that eleven million tons of water descended upon London in a single hour while Prince Edward Island enjoyed ideal holiday weather. Even the people of Toronto, Montreal and other Canadian cities in which the mercury has registered from 14 to 20 below zero, may envy our favored Province where so far we have had no zero temperatures to speak of. Why don't they come down here to spend the winter? No city in the Dominion has a more enjoyable winter or summer climate than Charlottetown.

It is stated that a federal election costs about two million dollars. A small fraction of this large sum, however is returned to the treasury in the deposits of defeated candidates. In the federal election of October last 107 of them suffered in this way. These were distributed quite impartially among the different parties as follows: 27 Liberals and 11 Independent Liberals, 28 Conservatives, 11 Progressives and the balance among Labor and Independents. The forfeit was \$200 in each case and the total \$21,400. In the election of 1921 there were 182 candidates who lost their deposits.

An increasing quantity of the farm products of the Prairie Provinces goes to Vancouver for shipment abroad. No objection can be taken to this as the shipments are made over Canadian railways to a Canadian port. Far eastward to Atlantic ports in which American railways and ports get the largest share. This is one of the vital and most important questions that will engage the attention of Parliament at the coming session. A strong delegation of Maritime members will set forth the wrong and outrage of this condition of things and demand redress.

The demand for redress and a change of transportation policy is so clearly just that it cannot be denied without peril to the federal union. It will not down and it must not be denied. It must be remedied or a score of Maritime representatives will know the reason why and in this matter every day's delay of justice is a denial of justice.

At first arrangement between the British and Canadian Governments to carry immigrants across the Atlantic for three pounds per head met with almost universal approval in England. Now a note of dissatisfaction is sounded. The London Daily News asks— "What guarantee, if any, can the Canadian Government give that permanent employment will be found for those who may risk everything by leaving these shores to take up a new life in a distant land? Moreover it is surely worth inquiring whether it is good business to encourage the departure in large numbers of the very men who are most urgently needed in our own countryside today.

The inquiry is a pertinent one from the British standpoint, and what is asked about permanent employment in Canada touches what has long been a sore spot in our immigration policy.

Canada, as Sir Leo Chiozzi Money says, offers difficult virgin soil to people who for the most part do not know how to manage a suburban garden. Hundreds of thousands of that sort of farm settlers have been brought to Canada within the past twenty years and left to shift for themselves, only to join the ranks of the unemployed in the cities of Canada, or, in the case of half their number to cross over into the United States. The Canadian immigration system has been at best a very costly one in proportion to the results achieved, but was never so completely paralysed and useless as it has been within the past four years.

Money has been poured out like water in the Department at Ottawa and in salaries and expenses of agents abroad with barren results in securing valuable farm settlers, while the credit of Canada as a land for home-seekers has suffered incalculable damage. How not to do it has been fully exemplified by the Immigration Department, especially since the fatal year 1921.

That Body of Ours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

WORDS OF A SALES MANAGER

I saw a good definition of health recently that I'd like to pass along. "Health is the state or feeling of well being in which one is filled with enthusiasm and vigor for work and play."

I was interested some years ago in listening to an address on salesmanship, to learn that the first essential with a salesman is good health. There were other things mentioned, such as getting a real first hand knowledge of the article to be sold, how to approach the prospect, how to get him a sign on the dotted line and so forth, but the first essential was good health.

This speaker went further and explained that good health meant more than being free of headaches, colds, and indigestion, that it meant feeling that just to be alive was the biggest thing in the world. He explained the three simple things necessary to watch, namely, food, exercise and sleep, because on them and them only, depended health.

And when you come to think about it, it is the forcefulness, the enthusiasm that the salesman puts into his talk that really sells you. A man with a sluggish liver, with indigestion, with frequent headaches, can't put the compelling force into his salesmanship to get real results.

And after all every man, woman, and child in the world is really a salesman, selling, whatever he is, to the world.

He may not be doing it for his own gain, or glory, he may be doing it for the "other fellow" in fact, but the impression he leaves on others is the sale price of his individuality or personality.

And when our expert salesmen, who are instructing salesmen, tells them that the first essential to success is good health then all of us can take the lesson to ourselves. Health, enthusiasm, and vigor for work or play. It is worth keeping ever before us.

DAILY SELECTIONS FOR GUARDIAN READERS

January 4, 1926. A TERRIBLE WARNING—"And Noah began to be a husbandman, and he planted a vineyard: * * * And he drank of the wine, and was drunken." Gen. 9:20.

GROWING WISE

No question could arise. To baffle me, and that I ought to do counsel wise, marvelled much at each mistake. The other fellow used to make. At twenty I was clever still. At least I seemed to be. I thought no other one could fill the place assigned to me. But I admitted, now and then, I blundered, too, like other men.

At thirty I had come to see, I found it difficult to be. Full-certain of the truth. Thought I: the wiser that I grow, It seems to me the less I know. Now should I reach three-score and ten. With faculties still clear, I know I shall not know off then. What in my sixtieth year, I thought I knew. Which I surmise, Is what is meant by growing wise.

Your Monday

JANUARY 4.—You are always busy. Most people born on this date accumulate a reasonable degree of wealth. You are shrewd in your estimate of people and your intuition will tell you whom you may trust. Anyone whom you love and those whom you think worthy of your confidence will prove faithful to you. Your birthstone is a garnet, which means faithfulness. Your flower is a snowdrop. Your lucky colors are navy blue and black.

It seems to be true, though you may not believe it, remarks the Dunait Herald that New Year's comes before Christmas in 1926.

CIRCUITOUS SUGGESTION

She—Would you put yourself out for me, Donald? He—Why, of course, dearest. She—Well, please do; it's after 12 o'clock and I am very tired.

COMPLAINT ADJUSTED

Little Girl: Mother says she found a fly in the cake you sold her. Grocer: I'm sorry. Tell her to send the fly back and I'll give her a raisin in place of it.

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 of correspondents.

ADVERTISING THE PROVINCE

Sr.—At a recent meeting of the local Board of Trade, Mr. Higgins said that there was a great deal of ignorance regarding the geography of the Province, especially in the United States, and suggested that something be done to have the American text books contain more facts about Prince Edward Island. That this is a great truth was revealed to the writer this very morning, when he received a letter, not from an ignorant denizen of the wilds, but from a gentleman of a highly responsible position in a large insurance office of New York City. The sender had my address; but, having apparently never heard of Charlottetown, and very little of Prince Edward Island, he mistook the name "Charlottetown" for "Charles Hebon" and wrote my address thus: Mr. Charles Hebon, P. O. Box 21, Prince Edward Isle, Canada.

Without any name of town. The letter was promptly returned to him by the postal authorities as "Mis-addressed"—which was very true. But the New Yorker, probably cursing the lack of postal clerks and initiative of the postal clerks, contented himself by altering slightly the name of the mysterious Charles, which, this time, he spelt "Charles Hebonne" throwing in an acute accent that might enlighten the slow witted Dominion postman; and he also changed "Isle" into "Island." It obviously never occurred to him that there existed a town of any size in this Province. We may safely infer that his idea of Prince Edward Island is that it is a wee bit of land surrounded by angry waters or perhaps lapped in fields, in the centre of which stands one Charles Hebonne, who hands out to the residents what mail may happen to reach there.

Truly the Mill on Acre Farm and its lovely capital are sorely in need of advertising. I am, Sr. etc. GEORGE NESTLER TRICOE, Charlottetown, Jan. 1, 1926.

THE ISHMAELITE

Sr.—There is a character described as "a wild man, his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him," a fitting description of the genius inspiring the Patriot.

All through the Christmas season when ordinary people were on their jobs of charity and peace the Patriot organ busied around for a chip on its shoulder looking for trouble. If brazen challenges would win elections, without a doubt the Stewart government candidates would be in the gravest danger, and the Hon. H. D. McEwen, the members of the Board of Trade and the business men didn't now think their souls their own would be well advised to seek out some places of shelter and safety.

But bluster after all doesn't count for much, it proclaims a weak mind; it never disturbs the sang froid, although it may amuse intelligent people. In the absence of some argument the Patriot is still blowing air bubbles with characteristic energy, under the illusion that it is striking hard blows. Nothing is a wide target; so wide that the Patriot never fails to make a "bull's eye" at every launch of a bubble.

One of the nothing targets of its shooting stick was that in sending the Hon. H. D. McEwen a trade envoy to the West Indies the Stewart government were doing violence to the independence of Parliament Act. Well, there was no such Act in the way; no violation either possible or imaginary; the visionary organ took careful and steady aim at the mirage, pulled the trigger and the bubble burst in the great vacancy of space; the shooting was good.

Another visionary target was that the Government and the "morning organ" were "DEFENCELESS" against those bubble attacks. They didn't dodge them; they fired anything back; how horrible the assaults, and how helpless the victims. Trouble is; the Patriot was only shooting wind sacs into space, no one felt them, they meant as usual nothing, and no one would waste precious time over them.

Then it trains its pop gun fusillade against the Board of Trade and warns under penalty of a machine gun bubble attack—not to "lend itself to this political move." If the bubbly little Liberal organ will only search its own reports of Board of Trade meetings it will find that this move had its inception with the Board where it has been a live topic for a long time, and that it is the Government that is LENDING ITSELF TO THE BOARD OF TRADE, and giving their assistance cheerfully to develop and revive the lost trade of the province. It was only another air bubble, aimed at a full fledged nothing, and with the Patriot's unerring accuracy, it struck nothing.

The great beet sugar industry of P. E. Island was in the direst peril; our immense sugar refineries were to be closed down; thousands—perhaps millions—of its employees to be thrown into idleness and dumped upon the charity of the public and thousands—perhaps millions—of our farmers to be deprived of this profitable market for their sugar beets. And why? Just because the wicked government, and the stupid board of trade were sending the self-seeking grasping plenipotentiary expedition to the West Indies to compete with our Island beet sugar and put this flourishing industry out of business. To circumvent so dastard a scheme of limitless injury the Patriot must take heroic and drastic action, and so its fiercest onslaught of bubble booms—this time charged with a hot air gas of extra destructive power—was launched against this great big nothing, hitting the mark with deadly force, to the satisfaction of the editor and the amusement of the onlookers.

Where can you get a better target than a "financial statement" that is invisible to all creation? Isn't it a great mark to be pelted at by a visionary dreamer of dreams? Who ever heard of a business man—or a government—either—balancing his year's accounts before the year was closed? What a splendid target of nothing to fire at to keep the Liberal jokers' toy pistol in action? Great shooting; sure to strike the mark every time; nothing in the way of a sure to strike nothing. How about Bell government financial statements; the Patriot perhaps can remember; when were they accustomed to make their appearance; and when they did—how appalling in magnitude of waste, and how conglomerate in composition? And so on from subject to subject from vacant space to vacant space, with the chip on its shoulder, it is running amuck looking for trouble, and shooting at random. The holiday season is now over and not unlikely it will get more than an overdose of what it is after.

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Women's Institute Work In 1925

Number of Institutes in P. E. I. 117 Increase since January 1925 25

WORK ACCOMPLISHED FOR THE SCHOOLS

41 signboards were placed on the schools by the Institutes this year in co-operation with the Publicity Association, who supplied them for \$3.50.

Splendid work was carried on by practically all the Clubs. School committees are appointed to visit the schools and report the needs, so that as time and money permits they are attended to.

Hardwood floors have been placed in eight schools. School interiors and exteriors have been painted. Walls have been re-tinted.

Hot Lunch at the noon hour has been established in six more schools by the Institutes, making a total of 17.

37 Institutes gave treats to the school children at Christmas time. Many offered prizes at the June closing and gave treats to the children at that time.

Grants were given to School Fairs amounting to over \$100.00. Flags and flag-poles were purchased for 16 schools, and flag charts for 9 schools. Eight Institutes have already bought the calendar of the Daughters of the Empire.

Daughters of the Empire Patriotic pictures have been framed for a number of the schools. Such supplies as maps, dictionaries, lamps, creamers, new stoves, globes, clocks coat hooks, blackboards, brooms, blinds, wash basins, glass for windows, storm windows, dust pans, towels, windows, pencil sharpeners, brushes, coal shovels, have been provided.

A great many sanitary improvements have been made. Drinking fountains have been installed in eight more schools during the past year and cupboards for individual drinking cups built. Sinks and new drains have been installed, and new pumps put in.

Much money has been expended in general repairs to the schools. One Institute had the school moved to make the grounds larger. Improvements have been made to school grounds in many localities. One Institute had the school grounds stumped, and eight clubs had new fences placed around the school grounds.

12 Clubs were responsible for the planting of bulbs, trees and shrubs, in the school grounds.

Music was taught in York school and other Institutes are planning to carry out this same idea.

Eldon Institute ordered magic lantern slides of interest to the children, from the Department of the Interior.

Murray River and Montague Institutes are represented on the school boards.

WORK ACCOMPLISHED FOR COMMUNITY

Georgetown and Montague Institutes were instrumental in having Home Nursing Classes in their communities, under the direction of the Red Cross Society. York is planning on carrying out this idea in their community.

Coriwall, Victoria and Cardigan Institutes placed pianos in their respective halls.

This year a great deal of work was done for the improvements of plots around memorials, and for the care of the monuments.

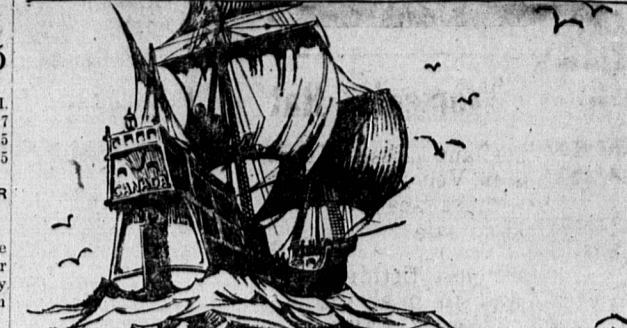
Three Institutes had graveyards improved. Flowers and fruit were taken to sick members in the community by the committees for visiting the sick.

Borden donated \$128.50 towards the new link. Extensive repairs were made to the halls, in one case amounting to \$300.00. As many as fifty new chairs were placed in one hall by an Institute.

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'Bon Voyage' advertisement for The Mutual Life of Canada Waterl0, Ontario. Text includes: 'To all mariners leaving port this first of January, 1926, in the good ship "Canada", we wish a most prosperous voyage through the uncharted sea of the New Year. What lies before us is as completely unknown as was the Western Sea to Columbus and his companions, so that as we set sail we need faith. This "saving faith" all true Canadians share. We firmly believe in our glorious destiny though for a time our ship of state may sail against head winds. We shall yet reach the land of our ideals—a "land to love"—where unnumbered millions of free, prosperous, happy and well-governed people will find a home.'

TAKING SOME DEGREES

"What are you reading this summer?" "The thermometer mostly."

A REMEDY Food Inspector: This is mighty sick-looking liver you have for sale Butcher: All right I'll run over to the drug store around the corner and get some liver pills for it.

WORK ACCOMPLISHED FOR HOSPITALS AND ORPHANAGES

Boxes of food and clothing were packed for the Hospitals and Orphanages, by 25 Institutes. Others sent money.

CHARITY

Boxes and money were also sent to the Miners Relief in Nova Scotia, and to the needy in different localities.

Money was sent to the Coal Fund by some of the clubs. Money, boxes of jelly and clothing were forwarded to the Charlottetown Dispensary.

PROGRAMMES

Programmes have become a most important feature of the meetings, and the Institutes have found that a successful business programme, and social programmes makes for successful Institutes.

Demonstrations, debates and discussions have been introduced into the programmes. Members have already given demonstrations on "Read Making," "Making Cotton Gloves," "Making Mince Meat," "Canning," "Candy Making," "Sealing Wax."

LAMENT FOR THE FAIRIES

Oh, the winds in vain are sobbing For the fairies once a-bopping Up and down among the heather For they dance no more together In the haunts of men today.

Where my feet could never follow From each grassy hill and hollow They have vanished far away. Not their sweetest music bringing By the streams in starshine gleaming; Flower-bells in vain are ringing, Not their sweetest music bringing Fairy dancers to the ball; Tears for them in vain are dripping; They will never more come tripping Down the glade when shadows fall.

A RESCUE WORTH MAKING

Wife (at the seashore)—"Why do you always bathe with the hotel help?" Hub—"I may get a chance to rescue a cook to take home with us."

NATURALLY

Jessica—"I can't marry you, but I'll be a sister to you." Jack—"Be a half-sister, it's cheaper."

LASTING, AT THAT

An English doctor recently married a girl he had ushered into the world twenty years ago. Evidently a case of love at first sight.

NO USE TALKING

When the thermometer is down to zero and the snow begins to fly, there is satisfaction in knowing that your Coal bin is well stocked with good Coal.

If not already supplied, we will be pleased to have your order today. We can supply the best Coal, Coke and Wood.

A. Pickard & Co

PHONE 240

NO USE TALKING advertisement with illustration of a man talking to a dog.

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