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ance makes mock of me, and calls my sonnets lies. Not that he sees no beauty in your glance; Not that he finds no wit in your replies; Not that he's blind, or sees no grace in youth; Not that he's old, or envious, or mad; He slanders not your beauty, but my truth. Saying: "She has what youth has always had." Then do not blame him, poor unfortunate; One of the many in his eyes you are; He never loved you—thus, in his sad fate. A girl is only a girl, a star a star. Ah, but to me the stars are whirling spheres. I sing their music. He lacks eyes and ears. —Frank Kendon.

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THE BUDGET AND AFTER

Many Liberals as well as Conservatives frankly admitted yesterday that the Opposition leader, Mr. A. C. Saunders, had made a tactical mistake in minimizing and excusing the financial derelictions of the Bell government. The studied misrepresentation of actual conditions during their four years in office is unpardonable and no amount of explaining or convincing or comparing with others can possibly wipe out the stain left by the late administration upon the Liberal party. Mr. Saunders would have done more for himself and for the Liberal party if he had taken a more manly stand, admitted, with such reservations as would occur to him, that errors had been committed and revealed a disposition to act squarely and honorably as the leader of this once great party. In his first speech after the revelations by the External Auditor, revelations the accuracy of which no one disputes, he missed his opportunity and instead launched into a pettyfogging recital of alleged faults of the Stewart administration, faults which, even if as stated, were small and insignificant in comparison with the serious things charged against the government of the party of which Mr. Saunders is now leader. In condoning the offences openly and publicly made against his predecessors Mr. Saunders simply intimates that he will "go and do likewise." The figures giving the increase in the provincial debt during the Liberal regime, and also during their last eight months, the spiriting away of the securities guaranteeing the provincial debentures, as detailed in the External Auditor's report have already been given in The Guardian.

The Budget, as brought down by Premier Stewart, a brief summary of which was given in yesterday's Guardian estimates the receipts for the current year at \$733,046 and the expenditure at \$728,025 leaving an estimated surplus of \$5,021. The expenditures have been pared as closely as the necessities of the province will permit and considerable saving will be effected in the reduction of the sessional indemnity and in some official salaries. There will be no change in the land and property tax but some additional revenue will be derived from a new tax on gasoline. The poll tax, as previously intimated will be abolished.

WILL THORNTON RESIGN?

A rumor, so far unconfirmed, is in circulation to the effect that Sir Henry Thornton, General Manager of the Canadian National Railway, has resigned or is about to resign and return to England to assume the management of a British railway. Whether there is any foundation for the rumor or not it is quite clear that, if the government persists in its present railway policy, resignation is the only course open to Sir Henry. He assumed the management of the Canadian National Railways on the distinct understanding that there was to have a free hand, that there should be no political interference. He on his part undertook to place the railway on a paying basis and, at least until very recently, he was quite optimistic as to the probability of this being achieved before the expiration of his term of office.

Now the government is projecting a number of branch railways each one of them not only non-paying but an additional burden. The Hudson Bay railway alone, over 400 miles in length, it is generally admitted will never pay operating expenses and never be anything but what it now is, a political railway the only possible future of which is two streaks of iron rust through nowhere—to an impossible port. Most, if not all, of the other branch lines are of the same class.

Is it fair to Sir Henry Thornton? Is it fair to deliberately place obstacles in the way of his carrying out his contract with the government? As an honorable man there seems no alternative but resignation.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Many feared the advent of a Labor Socialist Government in Great Britain. It has come and the alarm has subsided. Many things have contributed to this result. Premier Ramsay Macdonald was able to form a Cabinet of capable and prominent men who commanded the respect of the country and of all parties. That was unexpected. He chose for his colleagues men of moderate views. His Government being in a minority he was forced to hold in abeyance extreme measures on which his party had laid great stress during the election campaign, but which were condemned by the majority of the electorate. Among these were the Capital Levy and the Nationalisation of Mines and Railways. One result has been that the nation is being given the better part of the Labor program without its more radical and objectionable features.

Another result has been a great loss of prestige and influence to both the Conservative and Liberal parties and especially to the latter. Ramsay Macdonald has risen to the first place in the national regard as the Man of the Hour, overshadowing the former party chiefs, Stanley Baldwin, Lloyd George and Asquith. If a plebiscite could be taken today upon the personal merits of these men he would apparently top the list. They are receding and he is increasing in control and influence. The belief is expressed by leading journals that if a general election were now held the Macdonald Government would come back with increased strength, although without a clear majority in the House of Commons over the two old parties combined.

This may be a mere passing phase. Premier Macdonald has several times publicly expressed the opinion that his Government's present term of power will be comparatively brief. But however short it may be there is a widespread conviction that the interregnum between terms of Conservative and Liberal control will be fruitful of lasting good. Important reforms have been instituted and advanced, the machinery of government has been lifted out of a rut and new departments of administrative effort have been made that will never be reversed. Through it all the high credit of the nation has not been impaired and the Monarchy stands apparently as secure as before the change contrary to the fears of many.

AT Ottawa Parliament has been in session for a full month with little yet accomplished. Re-distribution, long overdue, still stands where it was left last year, a piece of unfinished business. The big scheme for adding 1,100 miles of new railway mileage to present nonpaying lines is again in the air, to be discussed and voted upon after its failure last year. The dismal failure of the Home Bank awaits further investigation, further debate and action. The Budget has yet to be delivered, by a new and untried mouthpiece, and the debate thereon, the crucial business of the session, along with the voting of supply has yet to come. A dragging, unbusiness like session so far.

Any comparison between the Mother Country and Canada in the matter of economy is reproach to the Dominion. Britain's debt is so much greater, her tax burdens so much heavier than ours, great as these are, that our admiration for the brave spirit of the British people cannot be withheld. With a million and a half of unemployed, for whose assistance and support untold millions have been paid, it is something which we can scarcely realize in our more fortunate Dominion. And yet Britain is reducing a little her taxes, has for years been not only balancing her budget but producing surplus after surplus toward paying her colossal debt. And Canada has doubled her war debt since peace was declared and the Government of the day only now claims to be in sight of a balanced budget, which we know cannot yet be realized. Is it not pitiful?

There was a rumor the other day that Sir Henry Thornton had resigned, which rumor has been contradicted on his own authority. We are glad to read the denial. We believe Sir Henry is doing what he can to make the National Railway self-supporting. But what hope can there be of his succeeding if the King Government thrusts upon him a thousand miles of railway that cannot possibly earn the expense of their operation! This no doubt



That Body of Yours

By James W. Barlow, M.D. THOSE BLEEDING GUMS

You are brushing your teeth some morning and find that your gums are bleeding slightly. You think nothing of it at first, but later you discover that almost every time you brush your teeth the gums bleed to some extent. However there is no pain and you are perhaps feeling all right, and as far as you can remember, when there was really anything wrong with the teeth you had pain, and real pain too.

Is this bleeding serious? It is indeed serious, but like some other things about us, it may be a blessing in disguise, as it calls attention to a condition that has much to do with your general health, aside from the teeth themselves. There is really considerable trouble going on in the gums around the margins of the teeth. Real abscesses are formed, the pus from which is absorbed into the blood vessels, and a great deal of it accompanies the food into the stomach and thus into entire system.

Now as I said before, the unfortunate thing about it is that considerable damage is being done, and because there is no pain, it gets a tremendous start on you. While many writers attribute it to lack of cleanliness regarding the teeth, many more are inclined to believe that it is due to the lack of chewing the food.

They contend that if you were to eat good substantial food, not too soft, it would mean that you would have to make a great many chewing motions of food before you allowed it to pass onward from the mouth.

This chewing not only stimulates the circulation in the gums, but the actual brushing of the food against the gums in the act of chewing further stimulates the circulation.

In other words the lack of use of the teeth and gums by insufficient chewing, causes a sort of "slowness" of the circulation of the blood around the gums. The old trouble again you see—lack of use of any part of the body means sluggishness of the circulation.

This sluggishness leads to a sort of puffiness of the gums, and then when you brush the teeth it is not hard to go through to the very small bloodvessels, break them down, and start the bleeding. And the suggestion?

That no matter how careful you are, to think you are about cleaning your teeth, if you find that there is a little bleeding got busy at once.

It would be worth your while to see your dentist.

Lest We Forget

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

MURILLO (Bartolome Esteban) Noted Spanish painter, many of religious subjects, died at Seville on April 3, 1822. Early in his career he came under the influence of Velasquez, and at the height of his fame. A favorite subject with Murillo was the Virgin of the Conception. His death was the result of a fall from a scaffold, while painting in the church of the Capuchins.

WASHINGTON IRVING American historian, essayist and novelist, best known for his "Knickerbocker's History of New York," "The Alhambra," and his famous ghost story, "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow," (the basis of the play, "Rip Van Winkle") was born at New York on April 3, 1783. He spent many years abroad, partly in diplomatic service, being for four years Minister of Spain.

EDWARD EVERETT HALE American author, editor, and Unitarian clergyman, renowned chiefly for his dramatic story, "The Man Without a Country," was born on April 3, 1822.

JOHANNES BRAHMS Celebrated German composer of choral and chamber music, died at Vienna on April 3, 1897. His works in 1887 numbered 102; his symphonies are his most representative compositions.

APRIL 3.—You will secure the greatest degree of happiness if you marry young, and preferably a person born in December. You will have a life form regular habits, early in life form regular habits, will bring you success where impulsive action would bring failure. You should have a great number of good friends. Beware of jealousy. Your birth-stone is a diamond, which means innocence. Your flower is a daisy. Your lucky colors are red and yellow. You need to be careful of the rumor that he had resigned. No blame could have attached to him had he done so. Any real saving so far made by the King Government is doubly offset by the new expenditures to be made in reckless railway schemes.

The Public Forum

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion expressed by its correspondents.

CHURCH UNION

Sir,—The commissioners are to repair to the General Assembly "and there to consult, vote and determine in all matters that come before them, to the glory of God, the confession of Faith and agreeably to the constitution of the Church as they shall be answerable." The ministers and elders on their ordinations take the same vow. It does not fall within this mandate to do away with or help to do away with the confession of Faith as a standard of the Presbyterian church, but alone the church itself. But they claim to have this power under the Barrier Act. They are falling into the very error of the United Free Church in Scotland when they had supreme power over the doctrine, worship discipline and government of the church, and founded their case upon it as the Lord Robertson one of the Privy Councilors pointed out in his decision 1904, that these things, viz doctrine, worship, discipline and government are meritorious not as within the ambit of the assembly's power, but as the regions of apprehended attack. He further states the motive of the Barrier Act passed in 1597, was to ward off the incursions of Episcopalianism. Lord Robertson further stated that the Barrier Act does not "confer" nor "purport to confer" any legislative powers on the General Assembly. What it does is: it imposes certain checks on sudden innovations or alterations in doctrine, worship, discipline and government. Lord Robertson's decision was in accord with the decision of the majority of the Privy Council in 1904. Therefore it may safely be assumed that neither their vows, nor the provisions of the Barrier Act gives the Assembly the power to do so un- Presbyterian a thing as to do away with the church, which they were appointed to uphold. Indeed Lord Lindley states plainly that the actions of a synod or assembly which would do such a thing are ultra vires.

In view of the importance of the decision of the Privy Council in 1904, and its far reaching effects it would be well for the Legislature to halt this matter of union till the injunction filed at Osgood Hall, Toronto, is decided, as there is no doubt that it will be applied to the Privy Council here it is finally disposed of. In any case our Legislature in order to determine the law of the matter should read the decision of the Law Lords in 1904 because the case then disposed of is very similar to the one on church union now before them.

I am, Sir, etc., PRESBYTERIAN

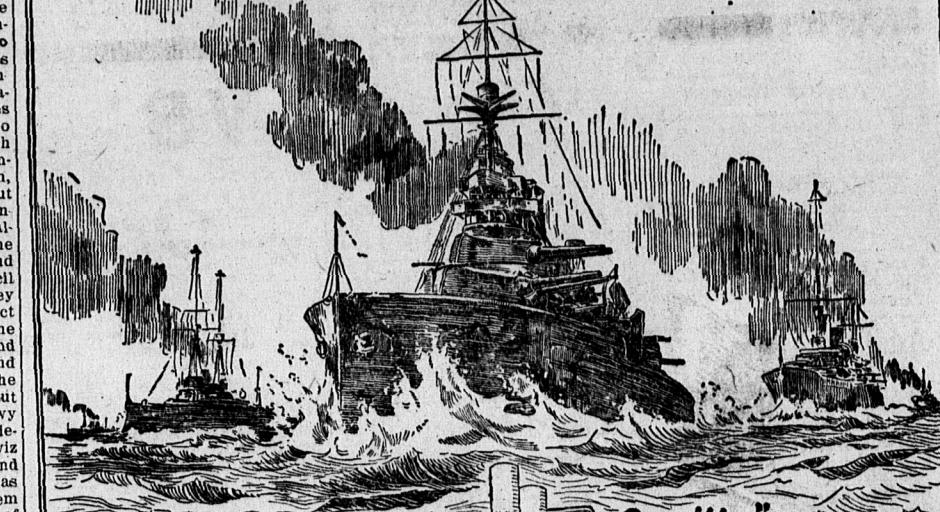
Special Service Squadron Cruise

The following details of the Special Service Squadron which left England last fall, to show the British flag around the world, and which is due to arrive in Canadian waters on June 21st, have been received here by Lieut. G. H. Battersby, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve. The Admiralty have very kindly given permission for two officers and forty men of the R. C. N. V. R. to embark in the battle cruisers at Vancouver and remain on the ships for training during the cruise to Halifax. At least two seamen from the American Half Company will make this trip, leaving here about the middle of June for Vancouver. These men have not yet been selected.

Attention is drawn to the length overall and maximum draught of H. M. S. "Hood" and "Repulse" which would make it impossible for them to come in Charlottetown harbor with safety. The Special Service Squadron of the Royal Navy composed of H. M. Battle Cruisers "Hood" and "Repulse" and H. M. Light Cruisers "Delhi" "Dananae" "Dealess" and "Dragon" will arrive in the waters of British Columbia on 21st of June 1924.

The battle cruisers will lie at Victoria and Vancouver and the light cruisers at Esquimaux. The light cruisers will return to England via South American ports. The battle cruisers will leave Canadian waters on 4th July and after visiting San Francisco, Panama, Colon and Jamaica, will arrive at Halifax on 5th August. They will leave Halifax on the 15th August, visit Quebec from 18th August to 2nd September, and will then cruise in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick when they will proceed to their home ports in England. The following are the particulars of the ships which will visit Canadian waters: H. M. S. "Hood"—Launched, Aug. 22, 1918, and completed, March 5, 1920. Normal displacement 41,200 tons. Complement 1,477 officers and men. Length overall, 860 feet, 7 inches. Beam, 105 ft. 2 1/2 inches, maximum draught, 31 ft. 6 inches. Main armament: eight 15 in. 42 cal. guns; twelve 5.5 in. 50 cal. guns, six 21 in. torpedo tubes. Turbines of the Brown-Curtis gear type, with 4 screws; boilers, 24 Yarrow (small tube). Designed to develop 31 knots. H. M. S. "Repulse"—Completed in August, 1916, complement of 1,240 officers and men. Length overall, 674 ft. 2 1/2 in. Beam 102 ft. 2 3/4 in. Main armament: six 15 in. 42 cal. guns, seventeen 4 in. 50 cal. guns, 29 knots.

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