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BLAMING THE GOVERNMENT

Some people are so unreasonable as to blame the government for any untoward weather conditions that may arise. The recent unprecedented storms, for instance, were laid at the doors of the Bell government. We do not accept this view and a moments though would convince the most unreasonable that the Bell government had nothing to do with it. The fact that the storm was more severe on the Atlantic and along the New England coast, over which Premier Bell has only a sympathetic jurisdiction, if even that, should convince anyone of the absurdity of charging it with what was undoubtedly beyond his control.

Similarly, the government, Bell or King or both combined, are seriously credited with the so-called revival in business, with the exceptionally large wheat crop, with the general improvement in the employment situation. We are being told from time to time through the columns of the Patriot that on the accession to power of the MacKenzie King government, business at once took an upward turn, the crops grew more abundantly, transportation increased and the country smiled where erstwhile had frowned and sighed!

Well, opinions will differ but there is as much sense in attributing the growing prosperity of Canada to the King government as there is in blaming the Bell government for the storms. Canada is slowly recovering from the effects of the war; factories that only a short time ago were making shells are now weaving cloth, manufacturing machinery, putting up foods in various forms. Farmers have settled down to work and are giving their undivided attention to their work. Canada with its unlimited resources could not long remain idle or grubbing among the ashes of a war that almost burned our country up. Canada is awake and at work and is slowly, very slowly, recovering but in the awakening and in her recovery she cannot point to a single act of the MacKenzie King Government that has helped her. She can point to promises made and broken, to undertakings abandoned, to false representations made by the King party before election but not to a single act which made it easier for the country to get back to normal. On the other hand she can point to obstacles placed in her way, unnecessary handicaps placed on her commerce, wasteful abuse of the revenues wrung from the people by excessive and inexcusable taxation. She can point to other countries with lighter burdens of taxation which are reducing their debts while hers are increasing. These are some of the things for which she is indebted to the MacKenzie King government. Yet we do not blame either the Bell government or the MacKenzie King government for the recent severe storms.

WIRELESS STATION NEEDED

A few weeks ago we directed attention to the need of a Government wireless station in Charlottetown. The need at that time was shown by the fact that the steamer Montcalm was in difficulties in the Straits with no means of direct communication with the Department here. Another instance occurred on Thursday night when the Carferry steamer was in the Strait all night and there was no means of ascertaining whether she was still afloat, how the passengers on board fared, or when the mails could be expected. We understand there is a wireless equipment on the carferry and also an operator. Both are useless without a station somewhere on the Island. We pointed out in our previous reference that the Navy League wireless station here would be an excellent location for such a station there being a complete apparatus there and all that is needed being to engage an official operator. Our representatives should take this matter up at once with the federal authorities.

THE LITTLE SISTER

Prince Edward Island is the "Little Sister of Confederation," the smallest of all the provinces, yet to its inhabitants it is naturally the most important of them all. It is for us that the Dominion exists, that federal laws are enacted, that international relations are fixed and, if these are not to our liking, they are unjust and tyrannical.

We are not alone in being the "Little Sister with its little outlook. The planet on which we live is also a "Little Sister" in the great galaxy of planets which comprise our Solar System, less than a little sister, less than a grain of sand in the infinite universe. Were we blotted out tonight we would be no more missed in the multitude of planets and stars and suns, upon which we gaze in awe every clear night, than a leaf would be missed out of the forest primeval. Yet it is for us that the universe exists, that the myriads of star worlds were placed in the firmament, that the sun and the moon and the stars rise and set, for us that the supreme tragedy of the universe was enacted on our little grain of sand!

So, in our little island or in our little world, we magnify our little importance into something worth living for and striving for and making our little bit of island or of planet a better and happier spot to live in. We are little, pitifully little in the great scheme but we are part of it all and whether in the dominion or in the universe we have our part to play and the ultimate purpose will not have been achieved if, individually or collectively, we fail in the obvious duties of each hour and each day.

COMMENDABLE

The citizens generally are to be commended for the promptness with which the sidewalks were cleared off yesterday morning after one of the severest snowstorms in years. Quite early in the forenoon the sidewalks practically all over the city were quite passable and men and women were able to get to business with but little discomfort, of course there were some exceptions, some of them perhaps unavoidable, and some through sheer neglect. There are many vacant lots the owners of which are absent from the city and the clearing of the streets along these devolves upon the city. In the case of those who have no means of immediately procuring help reasonable leniency is no doubt permissible but where there is deliberate neglect there should be no excuse. The city regulations aim at fair play to all and when compliance with the regulations is demanded it must be exacted impartially. The recent storm imposed a heavy task on citizens generally and it was very creditably carried out. Attention to the city's traffic is one of the first duties of good citizenship.

EDITORIAL NOTES

One should get to like some writer because love of a writer is almost as good as loving a human being.

Notes By The Way

In these days of heavy snow storms and interrupted transportation some of our Liberal friends may perhaps pause to consider where we would now be had we not the blessed car ferry which the wicked Tories gave us. A bad lot, those Tories! Away back in the eighties of last century they built the branch railways from Sackville to Cape Tormentine and from Emerald to what is now Borden. Without these branches there could be no car ferry and the bad Tories built them for us.

They also gave us the car ferry itself and created the harbors on both sides of the straits at heavy cost. It seems strange that foolish and wicked men should have done such good things for us, but the Tories did it and we must let it go at that. And, by the way, when one comes to think of it, without the car ferry we should have no broad-gauge track from Borden to Summerside and Charlottetown. And the broad gauge seems to be a pretty good thing in its way. The big powerful engines and snow ploughs make their way through the drifts better than the weak narrow gauge engines.

Let us suppose for a moment that all the bad Tories have done for our Island transportation and in the way of increased subsidies, most of it during the past ten years were taken away from us suddenly just now. Take away the $100,000 yearly subsidy, ours for all time, which the Mathieson and Borden governments gave us. Take away the broad gauge track and rolling stock, sink the car ferry and destroy the railway lines from Sackville to Tormentine and from Borden to Emerald Give us back our narrow gauge lines and the Cape ice-boats as we had them during the long fifteen years of Liberal rule from 1896 to 1911.

Our women folk, God bless them! are voters today and young men are coming of age and becoming voters from year to year. Many of these were brought up in Liberal homes, trained in Liberal traditions not a few of them, reading only Liberal newspapers and taught to believe that the so-called Tories are a bad lot. We ask these new voters, men and women who think and who wish to vote intelligently when election shall come hereafter, to contrast what has been done for them and for the Island by Conservative and Liberal governments respectively during ten years past. Take note of the conditions as they were in 1911, when the Conservative government came in at Ottawa and as they were in 1921 when that government went out of power.

Let Liberal women voters and young men coming of age ask their husbands, fathers and brothers whether things were really—in 1911 as The Guardian has represented them. **Is it true that the transition from the ice-boat to the car ferry was wholly the work of the Conservative Government and party? Is it true that in making that great change, on which our very salvation in trade and transportation depended—is it true that no Liberal government here or at Ottawa had any part or lot in the matter? Is it true that the incrased subsidy of $100,000 to this Province for all time was wholly the work of Conservative governments here and at Ottawa? Ask these questions of your Liberal relatives and note well the answer. You might also ask your favorite Liberal editor the same questions and note his answer.**

Very vital was that matter of the $100,000 subsidy. The province had not sufficient revenue for decent housekeeping. But for fifteen years of Liberal rule we were refused relief. We were frozen in and our revenues were starved. **So badly did the province need that $100,000 that the Bell Government since 1919 has absorbed it all and taxed the people as much more to make ends meet! Surely we must have needed that increased subsidy. And the bad Tories got it for us. And the benevolent Liberals gave us taxes galore. Is it because iceboats are more desirable than car ferries and taxes more welcome than subsidies that our grateful electors sent a Solid Four Liberal members to the House of Commons in 1921? It would seem to be so!**

The question arises and we ask our many Liberal readers to calmly consider it, was it generous, wise and prudent to repay with kicks the party which had done so much for Prince Edward Island and to reward with offices and honors the party which has done so little for us? That is what w

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Happenings Of The Week

New Year's Day was very quietly celebrated in this city, the storm interfering with the usual spirited driving and the "Horribles" so dear to the children. In the afternoon quite a large number called at Government House and then continued their visiting list, reviving to a large extent the pretty old world courtesy which had been dropped during the past few years.

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Mr. Percy Pope has been granted six months leave of absence from his banking duties, and intends leaving shortly on a trip to the West Indies, which it is hoped he will thoroughly enjoy.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Morrison have returned from a holiday trip to Halifax, where they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hector McInnes.

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Mr. Frank Chauvin, who has been the guest of Chief Jutice and Mrs. Mathieson for the holidays, left Wednesday on return to his home in Montreal.

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Mrs. R. H. Pethick, Westville, N. S., is enjoying a pleasant visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Robertson, and is being cordially welcomed.

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The New Year's Novelty Dance at the Community Club on Monday was one of the most enjoyable affairs of the season, well patronized by a most sociable gathering of young people.

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The staff of the Bank of Nova Scotia has issued invitations this week for a dance in the Community Club for Monday evening next, the chaperones for which are Mrs. Malcom, Mrs. Myles, Mrs. Jardine and Mrs. Dunbar.

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Mr. J. Rowland Paton left Wednesday morning on a visit to St. John before going to Halifax, where he will visit his sister, Mrs. R. F. Logan.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Logan, of Halifax, are receiving heartiest congratulations of their numerous friends on the arrival of a young son at their home last week.

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The Misses Beales and Newbery were charming young hostesses at a nicely arranged dance last evening at the Community Club in honor of their numerous friends.

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The many friends of Dr. Toombs, of Mount Stewart, who is under treatment in the P.E.I. Hospital, will be glad to know he is improving and had as his guest this week his son Wendell Toombs, who came home from Winnipeg for the holidays.

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The holiday activities and festivities were continued all week with quite a number of parties and gatherings of one kind and another.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. A. MacLean, who spent Christmas in Montreal, the guests of Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Nicholson, Dorchester street west, have returned to Ottawa, but expect to visit Mrs. Nicholson later in the month.

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Daily Selections For Guardian Readers

From the W. S. Louson collection

'Thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee.'

Thou gracious God, whose mercy lends
The light of home, the smile of friends,
Our gathered flock Thine arms enfold,
As in the peaceful days of old.

Wilt Thou not hear us while we raise
In sweet accord of solemn praise
The voices that have mingled long
In joyous flow of mirth and song?

For all the blessings life has brought,
For all its sorrowing hours have taught,
For all we mourn, for all we keep
The hands we clasp, the loved that sleep,

The moontide sunshine of the past
These brief, bright moments fading fast,
The stars that gild our darkening years,
The twilight ray from holier spher[illegible]

We th[illegible] [illegible]er! Let Thy [illegible]moth
Our [illegible] [illegible] embrace,
T[illegible] [illegible] heavenly store,
[illegible] [illegible] us evermore,
Amen
[illegible]ell Holmes.

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.

Hard on Poor

Sir,—It seems that after all the hints thrown out and all the complaints made about snow shovelling that the lazy, and indolent won't give ear. Now there is one place in particular annoying to the public, whereon more than one occasion the writer, has helped women with their babes out of snow drifts, that has not been cleared off this winter, a piece of sidewalk on the south side of Euston St., between Prince and Hillsboro. It seems that even those in authority won't notice or look after those neglected places. They don't have to wade over them like some poor people, that have to get out to work and walk over those long snow banks. It is very annoying after a man works hard to clear away the snow, on the walks along his premises to accomodate the public then to have to go and wade in deep snow banks in order to get to their work or business. Surely the law, that is in force, to compel one citizen to do his duty, towards cleaning sidewalks, can compel his neighbor also. If not why enforce the law. By all means get the snow off the sidewalks at any cost, rather than have icy and dangerous walks after thaws, as is sure to follow.

I am, Sir, etc,
CITIZEN.

Campaign Funds

Sir,—The Temperance Alliance through the churches and other sources are appealing to those interested for the funds necessary to carry on their important work. No matter how cheaply they are conducted elections cost money. In this plebiscite campaign all the managing officials are giving their services ABSOLUTELY FREE OF CHARGE. Not one cent is being paid to any of these who are giving their time and labor.

But there are expenses which must be provided for. There is a stenographer's stipend, the only paid employee, large quantities of stationary and printing, advertising, rentals, postages and other incidentals, which, covering the large area of the whole province requires a considerable sum of money. Already some hundreds of dollars have been expended in this way, and the work is not as yet finished. A talented speaker is on the Island in the interests of this work. He is here without remuneration, but there will be travelling expenses in connection with this visit which courtesy demands to be paid.

Apart from this campaign the Alliance have other temperance work in prospect for which funds will be necessary. Legislation tending to better the working of prohibition, and to grapple with the illicit still evil, needed, and these are liable to cost money. There is need also of increased vigor in the enforcement of temperance laws, all of which will entail more or less of expense. Therefore subscriptions, if they should exceed the needs of the plebiscite campaign, will all be needed and in no danger of going to waste.

It is hoped that the generous hearted temperance and moral loving people of the province will respond liberally to this appeal. If each contributor will dip in only a few cents deeper than he or she at first intended, it will in the grand aggregate very materially increase the total of the amount collected.

We have the guarantee that the money will be carefully used, and only for the purposes contributed, so let our donations be on that same generous, scale that every philanthrophy has heretofore met at the hands of our people.

I am, Sir, etc,
PROHIBITIONIST.

How the Plebiscite Operates

Charlottetown

Sir:—I will count it a courtesy if you will give me space to lay before the voters of P. E. I. some further information if we are to vote intelligently at the Plebiscite on the 22nd—information which will, I believe, clear up some points on which there is a good deal of misunderstanding and which have not been clearly dealt with in the letters which have appeared on this subject.

In order to put the so called 'export houses' out of business in our province two conditions must be fulfilled.

1st. The Plebiscite on the 2nd of this month must give a majority in favour of prohibition—that is a majority must vote YES on the ballot.

2nd. The Government of this Province must then petition the Dominion Government to forbid these "export houses" doing business.

Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta have already fulfilled the FIRST condition and thus have brought into effect within their bounds the Canada Temperance Act Part IV. Saskatchewan ALONE has fulfilled the second condition. So these "export houses" can still do a legal business in the other provinces named. But they will be stopped whenever the governments of these provinces fulfil the second condition and petition the Dominion Government to use Dominion power to close them up. For only Dominion power can close them up.

This explains why it is that St. John, for example, can still offer to export liquor out of New Brunswick, as every one knows liquor firms there are doing. On this point the advertisement of the Temperance Alliance in several of our local papers hardly gives correct information.

If the Plebiscite on the 22nd gives a majority in favour of Prohibition, thus bringing into effect by proclamaton the Canada Temperance Act Part IV, a further result follows:—

We will then have a law which will, beyond question, make it illegal to import liquor for personal use. At present some of our judges and magistrates question whether our Provincial law, even as amended, along with the Doherty Act can consttutionally prohibit the importing of liquor for personal use, into the Province. But with the C. T. A. Part IV in effect, as will be the case if a majority vote for prohibition on the 22nd, there will be no question whatever that such action will then become unlawful.

Some people think that if Prohibition is defeated at the Plebiscite, then all our prohibition laws will be cancelled and we will have "free rum." Such is not the case. Our provincial Prohibitory law stands and will stand whatever be the outcome of the Plebiscite. The vote on the 22nd will in no wise affect it. If the vote that day gives a majority for prohibition this will give us a strong dominion law to cover our provincial law in the one section in which some think our provincial law is weak, viz, in regard to importation for personal use, and that majority will in addition, as I have already pointed out put our province into a position where the Provincial Government can go to the Dominion Government and ask for the closing of the "liquor export houses."

Now in order to encourage our Provincial Government to do this, thus fulfilling the second of the necessary conditions so that we can be rid of these export houses and their traffic, we ought to pile up a big majority in favour of prohibition on the 22nd, so that there may be no doubt in anyone's mind that the people of P. E. I. really want real prohibition. Now is our chance. Saskatchewan has led off. It is the first to get rid of the "Export Houses" by fulfilling both conditions. Which province will be next? Why not P. E. I., hitherto the Banner Prohibition Province?

I am Sir, Etc,
GEO. A. CHRISTIE
Alberton, P. E. I.

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MOUTH BREATHING

At an athletic meet in England some years ago, I noticed one of the competitors in a foot race wearing an apparatus on his nose that aroused my interest.

The athlete explained it as an apparatus to keep his nostrils widely dilated during the race so that he could obtain sufficient air without having to breathe through his mouth. He could have easily secured sufficient air at the critical moment by breathing through his mouth, but he did not wish to do so for even that brief time.

Why? Well, past experience had taught him that breathing through the mouth on a dirt track with many other competitors meant that considerable dust would land on his throat. Further the moisture that the lungs demand from incoming air would have to come off his throat instead of from the proper place, the lining of the nose.

Mouth breathers invariably have irritable throats and the explanation is, as you see, very simple.

Air coming into the nose must first filter through the little fine hairs at the opening of each nostril. Then as it passes through the nose the mucous lining there moistens it sufficiently to satisfy the lungs.

This moisture has at one time been fine tear drops which have come across the eyeball from a gland on outer side of eye to a canal on inner side of eyeball leading into the nose.

Many people suffer with a slight obstruction of the nose and unconsciously breathe through the mouth. While in some instances the obstruction should be removed nevertheless more frequently the habit of closing the mouth and breathing through the nose can be established with very little effort.

This habit would free many sufferers of their "dry glazy throats."

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WAS INAUGURATED GOVERNOR

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan 4—Alfred E. Smith, officially took over the reins of the state government shortly after noon today, when in the presence of 1,500 of his fellow-citizens gathered in the Assembly chamber, he was inaugurated governor of New York.

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