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CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE.

BY giving the people of the Province a clearer perception of existing economic and political conditions and a good idea concerning the proposals of the Government towards an improvement of those conditions the debate on the Address may lead to a better understanding and appreciation of the measures to be brought down in the course of the session. The mover and seconder of the Address of this year reviewed the conditions of the Province in detail. A full report of Mr. McLure's carefully worded and carefully weighed speech, was published in The Guardian of yesterday morning, and also a summary report of the shorter speech of the seconder, Mr. J. Howard McDonald.

It will have been noted that the Duncan Report, our Women's Institutes and their excellent work, agriculture and fisheries, fox farming, the roads and schools, all the more important public interests of the Province—were referred to in moderate language. Of course, the prime mover in the work of administration, the Prime Minister of the Province, was given some credit for the improved conditions which prevail. But there was no attempt to give him all the credit. Other members of the Government and Legislature, some of the members of the House of Commons, some of the members of the Civil Service—Federal and Provincial—some members of our Boards of Trade, some members of the Press of the country, too, are, without doubt, entitled to share in the honor that ought to be given all those who supplied the facts and arguments upon which the Duncan Report is based, and organized work on our roads and fields and factories, which resulted in the great improvement that is evident in our Provincial conditions, and the still greater improvement now within sight. Neither Mr. McLure nor Mr. McDonald discounted in any way the credit that is due to anyone who took part in the developments of recent years. But because, naturally and properly, they referred, particularly, to the excellent work done in the past four years by the Leader in all the movements towards these ends—the Hon. J. D. Stewart—the Leader of the Opposition devoted his talents as a special pleader to the task of depreciating Mr. Stewart and extolling the Premiers of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, Mr. D. A. MacKinnon, ex-M.P., Professor McMillan, and others—not forgetting himself—for that which had been done towards the enlightenment of the Duncan Commission, and the evident improvements in all the public services.

We shall be surprised if the labored attempt of the Opposition Leader to decry the work of Hon. J. D. Stewart should prove to be successful. There is, all over this Province, the spirit of fairplay. The electors, Conservative and Liberal alike, will, we feel sure, withhold their approval from the attempt made by the Leader of the Opposition to disparage the good work of the Hon. J. D. Stewart, Leader of the Government. One of the criticisms which Mr. Saunders strongly stressed was to the effect that the new policy of the Government for the promotion of temperance was not mentioned by the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the session. But, as the new policy is to be submitted directly to the people, and not to the Legislature in the present session, the folly of this criticism is evident.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

NEVER have we seen a sner March morning than that which St. Patrick's Day was open-

ed this year; and the memory of the Saint whom the sons of the Emerald Isle, wherever they may be, delight to honor was never more heartily or more religiously celebrated in this city.

The career of St. Patrick illustrates the fact that "There's a Divinity which shapes our ends." When he was a youth of fifteen years he was carried off into slavery and sent over to Ireland. There he remained for six years, tending cattle. While in this humble occupation his mind turned to contemplation and prayer, and when at the end of six years he escaped from slavery he conceived the noble idea of devoting his life to the conversion of the Irish people. First of all he attended an institution of learning, such as was to be found in those early days. Afterwards he went, so 'tis stated, to the Island of Leivus in the Mediterranean, and then to Rome, where he received a mission from Pope Celestine. He was about thirty years of age before he entered upon the grand work of his mission. When about forty-five years of age, he was promoted to the high office of Bishop. The date of his death is not certainly known. But the work he did in the meantime was so marked, so impressive, and so successful that his name has ever since been revered by succeeding generations of the Irish people.

CHURCH MEETINGS.

THE meetings this week of the Presbytery, the Diocesan Church Society and the Women's Auxiliary of the Church of England gave pleasant variety to the humdrum of town life at the end of the winter season. It was, indeed, pleasing to have as guests of Charlottetown so many of the more cultured people from Summerside, St. Eleanor's and the country districts, and to meet in a social way many persons of many minds. The comparison of notes and views makes for fuller and more exact information concerning the requirements and aspirations of town and country, and for the improvement of living conditions in both. Judging by the tone of the meetings, there never was a time in which the people of this province were more united in heart and mind than they are just now. While there are varieties of operation, there is, apparently, the same spirit,—the spirit of mutual forbearance, tolerance, peace, and good-will towards mankind.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Canada has not yet qualified for representation at the Naval Conference to be held soon at Washington—at least that is the opinion of President Coolidge.

The Newfoundland sealers seem to be in luck this year. On the day that the season for killing seals began, 50,000 of these "innocents" were sacrificed, and the ice-fields ran blood.

It is to be noted that a seventy-five thousand dollar fish hatchery is to be established at Antigonish. Evidently the Government thinks that Antigonish is entitled to a plum for electing Duff!

It is noticeable that binder twine to the value of \$1,000,000 has been ordered by the Russian Soviet Government from the Brantford Cordage Company, of Ontario. To encourage home industries of that kind is worth while.

Disastrous political consequences are feared, if the illness of King Alfonso, of Spain, should prove to be fatal. The king is reported to be suffering from bronchial pneumonia.

Notes by the Way

Premier King has heaps of trouble on his mind these days besides the Duncan report. There is, for instance, the family quarrel, in which Hon. J. J. Hughes, whom he appointed to the Senate, making very grave charges in the Red Chamber against him and against Hon. John E. Sinclair who is apparently the Premier's choice for the Ministry of Fisheries which is presently to be established. It is unusual for a newly appointed Senator to thus attack the Prime Minister who was responsible for his appointment. We let it go at that, but it must be unpleasant for the Premier and for his prospective colleague from this province.

Then there was the battle of the rival water routes and water powers which has occupied much time in the House of Commons of late. The battle is now over for the time—it was about renewing a charter for a company to build a canal from Georgian Bay via the Ottawa River to Montreal—but the wound still rankles. The fight the King Government was again and again asked whether it was in favor of or against the renewal, but no answer could be got. In the meantime Hon. Hugh Guthrie, the Conservative leader in the Commons, pronounced against the Government's timid course, the Ontario Legislature by unanimous vote decided against the renewal and the Liberal Toronto Globe went on record in strong language. "The amazing thing," said The Globe, "is that the Federal Government sits idly by and permits this bill to take up the time of the House, to go through debating periods and to go to a committee for consideration."

Hon. Mr. Lapointe, Minister of Justice has announced that Senate reform will be discussed at an inter-provincial conference this summer. It will be easy for the King Government to get a report from such a conference quite to its liking if the Government selects the representatives who are to confer. There is one proposed method of Senate reform which is highly objectionable—the method adopted by Premier King when he required his recent appointees to sign a pledge to support him in any measure to this end which he brought forward. No man thus pledged to a party leader should be allowed to sit in the Senate.

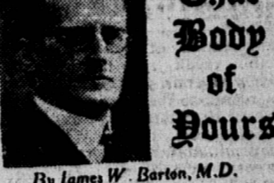
We are told that "several provinces have grievances against the Senate because it has blocked legislation in their interests. And that it has blocked other legislation, and its status of irresponsibility has become a thorn in the flesh of the voters." This is the statement of one of the journals advocating Senate reform. From this it may be inferred that a hunt for grievances will precede the meeting of the promised conference. But the Senate has been threatened so many times within the past forty years with drastic reform, none of which have yet materialized that it seems to bear a charmed life.

Typhoid fever is spoken of in these days as a disease that science has conquered. But Montreal developed 150 cases last week, and hospitals had to turn patients away. The health department is making every effort to learn the cause. Milk is suspected. It may be water, or milk and water, as an exchange remarks.

Premier Baxter has given notice that his Government will propose a material change in liquor legislation in New Brunswick because of wide-spread dissatisfaction there with the existing prohibitory law, which successive Governments, Liberal and Conservative have failed to enforce. A son of the late Sir Leonard Tilley, author of the first prohibitory law in British North America, is a member of the present Government in New Brunswick which now proposes to make the change.

Blustery March has just now swept the Prairie Provinces with a fierce blizzard said to be the worst in twenty-five years and headed eastward, it may spend its force before reaching the Maritimes or be diverted southward. Nobody wants a blizzard here and they seldom come.

The Duncan Report and what the Government proposes to do with it is expected to cause a week's discussion in Parliament. After Premier King takes the House into his confidence the debate is to be adjourned, we are told, to give the members time to think it over for a few days. "The idea of March has come but they have not passed," as was said in the days of Julius Caesar, long ago!



By James W. Barton, M.D.

HEADACHE AND THE EYES.

The famous Philadelphia eye specialist, Dr. G. E. Deschowitz, discussing headache in Canadian Medical Journal, stated that in 700 cases of headache about 70 per cent. will be due to errors of refraction of the eyes, and about 30 to 40 per cent of all headaches are due to eye strain.

Now if such be the case why is this not discovered sooner? Dr. Deschowitz says that the family physician, or the general practitioner who makes the ordinary simple test of the eyes, does not wish to recommend glasses of the kind to the patient. It is just a slight case of shortsightedness, or a slight refractive error. And yet the very slightest error in refraction, where the eyes are used considerably, may be sufficient to set up a severe headache.

Another point emphasized was that the oculist may correct the eye condition, but the patient works under poor lighting conditions, and his headaches continue despite the fact that the glasses themselves are correct. There is a particularly mischievous factor in causing headache giving a real pressure pain owing to the eye muscles trying to accommodate the eyes to the glare.

Headache from eye conditions may be in any and every part of the head, that is in front, back, top, and lower part of the brain. What is the lesson for us from above information by this celebrated specialist? That while headaches may be due to indigestion, gas pressure, reflex pain from other organs throughout the body, most of them are due to eye conditions and eyes should be investigated always. Further also, even if glasses are properly fitted, carelessness as to lighting conditions may still cause headaches.

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

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A TEST FOR SERVICE:—Examine me, O Lord, and prove me. That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works Psalm 26:2, 7.

GETTING THINGS DONE. From the time of man's beginnings in the dim primordial ages through the chronicle of progress in its slow, unending stages, Man has fought and toiled and struggled, under captains, under kings, and for his longings and a world of better things. And whenever his moment has been near to what he planned. You will find it grew from slogging at the task he had in hand, Holding always to the maxims, though by time and chance "If you do the job before you, you'll be ready for the next!"

Every leader, every prophet, has his secret of success: Some are plodders trudging forward, some are gamblers more or less. Bucking fate, the hard-faced master of life's never ending game. Risking hope and faith and knowledge they play for wealth and fame. But whatever be their method, one of safety or of daring, There's a common homely virtue in which all of them are sharing: They're beset by difficulties are by circumstances vexed. Yet they do the job before them—and are ready for the next!

Maxims of success are many—you can hold them down to one. That the man men choose to lead them is the man who gets things done: Who will take the job he's given, and be it trial or sublime, And will give it all that's in him till it's done—and done on time! This is "copy-book palaver"—word and wearisome and trite! Well, you'll generally notice that the "copy-books" are right! "Lives of great men all remind us," of this homely little text, "If you do the job before you, you'll be ready for the next!"

PRINCE CAROL AGREES TO MEET HIS FAMILY

BUCHAREST, March 17.—Former Crown Prince Carol Rumania and his mother, Queen Marie, have agreed upon a plan for reconciliation between Carol and the Rumanian royal family, according to information obtained today from a high political source. The prince was expected to meet King Ferdinand, Queen Marie and his wife, Princess Helen, in Italy this spring.

A Brilliant Effort

LECTURE BY MR. CHESTER McLURE, M. L. A. Before the Caledonian Club HISTORICUS

The lecture delivered before the Caledonian Club, on Thursday evening last, was well deserved to be christened as a brilliant effort. It bore the title of "When the British Constitution Was in Danger," and under Mr. McLure's illuminating style of writing, speaking and thinking, omitted nothing that was necessary to show his complete mastery of the subject.

We feel confident that the readers of the Guardian, who have had the privilege of reading it as well as those who also have had the pleasure of hearing it delivered, are unanimously of this opinion therefore it is unnecessary to recite here what they all appreciate so highly.

It is a great boon to live in a community which affords such an opportunity to the people of refreshing their memories on imperial affairs. It sets them a-thinking and teaches them just where our own country stands. But for the pleasure of the masses might not stop and consider the aspects of such a bloodless victory as was won in London in May 1926, as portrayed so well by Mr. McLure. It is doubtful if there has been another bloodless victory to equal it since the conflict took place at Runnymede in 1215. At that time the Barons had to contend for the granting of Magna Charta, which was a boon for the people. This time it was a tug-of-war between the Labor party and the Radicals in other words whether the present Constitution of Britain should be upheld or overthrown by a force that is allied with Communism or by Sovietism.

This contest was won by the Government, and the British Empire rejoices. It was the triumph of a great principle, that is to say the Labor party, to their credit be it said, have been forced into saving the Constitution, under which Britishers will continue to govern their country and in defiance of outside domination. Who, then, will deny that it was a momentous struggle, and was won by the middle-class—led by the Labor leaders, who in their wisdom stood bravely for the principle of Self-Government.

Let us see what this means. It means that Labor has made a tremendous sacrifice in order to defend this principle. In the face of the loss to the Labor party of a party victory at the next election they flung politics to the winds and stood for their independence. Had they yielded for a political win nothing would have kept the forces of Communism in check. This shows what it means to uphold principle when it is assailed by its enemies.

It is well known that Canada is a unit in opposition to Russian communism. And no part of Canada is more opposed to that political doctrine than Prince Edward Island. It is equally true to assert that Mr. McLure and Colonel McKinnon who accompanied him have earned the highest praise for bringing the history of the crisis home so clearly to our people at this juncture. Now they know what they owe to Labor in England, and also will long remember the lesson they have been taught in the knock down fight upon Sovietism in the British Empire.

In the past the sympathy of Canada has been firmly on the side of Labor, and will no doubt remain loyal to its cause, more particularly in their party struggle. The sacrifice they have made for the maintenance of the eternal principle at stake last year shall live down through centuries to come.

DAILY LESSONS IN ENGLISH

By W. L. Gordon

"WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Don't say 'what kind of a man is he?' but 'what a man.'"

"OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: puerile. Pronounce puer-il, u as in 'unit,' e as in 'her,' i as in 'it.'"

"ORIGIN MISAPPLIED: development. No e after p."

"SYNONYMS: insert, inject, infuse, inculcate, instill, implant, impregnate, imbue."

"WORD STUDY: 'Use a word three times and it is yours.' Let us increase our vocabulary by mastering one word each day. Today's word: SOMNOLENT; inclined to sleep. 'I remember him as a lazy, rather somnoient youth.'"

NORTH RIVER RACES. The North River Driving Club held their annual weekly race on Thursday last which was well carried out. The first race called 2:05 1-4, Peterkin. 2:10 1-4, Mary was the free-for-all which had only 700, 2:12 1-4 and Mr. Reed's new 1-2 year colts, namely Soldier Lad, three-year old trotter, Peter Dawes, and Lady Medium. Lady won the race and money. The next class also had two starters Jiggs and Spider and was won by Spider and the last class was a good race between Hilda T. and Harry Lauder, after a good close finish in each heat. Hilda L. proved to be the winner. Following is the summary:

FREE-FOR-ALL. Lady Medium owned by A. Clow 1 2 1 Soldier Lad owned by E. Clow 2 1 2 3 minute Jiggs by R. Clow 1 2 2 Spider, D. Stewart 2 1 1

The Public Forum

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

REPLY TO "OBSERVATION."

Sir.—Under the caption "Scripts Observed" I am charged with insinuating that Rev. Mr. Herman proposed making it easier for drunkards and half crazy men to buy liquor. This is not correct. I did not insinuate; I spoke direct. It is true that our Rev. friend placed all the safeguards around his permit system as claimed by your correspondent, but the "half crazy men" even though upon the black list himself, is never without a host of friends—all upon the white list—and who can get liquor without question—who are base enough to procure—everybody has it with in any and every permit system. When every person, sober or seemingly so, has free access to liquors, there is then absolutely no restraint—everybody has it within reach and can get it.

I take kindly to his suggestion of my having "a heart to heart talk" with the Rev. Mr. Herman, and if it can bring about a better solution of our problem, I will gladly avail myself of that, or anything else which will help to preserve our land from the threatened invasion of the infamous traffic. I am Sir, etc., OBSERVER.

FOR THE SCRAP BOOK

A SERIES OF LITERARY QUOTATIONS FOR BOOK LOVERS

Friday, March 18th.

And Winter, slumbering in the open air, Wears on his smiling face a dream of Spring! —Coleridge.

FROM THE PROEM TO "ROMOLA"

More than three centuries and a half ago, in the mid spring-time of 1492, we are sure that the angel of the dawn, as he travelled with board and wing from the Levant to the Pillars of Hercules, and from the summits of the Caucasus across all the snowy Alpine ridges to the dark nakedness of the Western isles, saw nearly the same outline of firm land and fertile soil—saw the same great mountain shadows on the same valleys as he has seen today—saw olive mounts, and pine forests, and the broad plains green with young corn or rain-freshened grass—saw the domes and spires of cities rising by the river-sides or mingled with the sedge-like masts on the many-curved seacoast, in the same spots where they rise today. And as the faint light of his course pierced into the dwellings of men, it fell, as now, on the rosy warmth of nestling children; on the haggard waking of sorrow and sickness; on the hoary uprising of the hard-handed laborer; and on the late sleep of the night-sundown, who had been questioning the stars of the sages, or his own soul, for that hidden knowledge which would break through the barrier of man's brief life, and show its dark path, that seemed to bend no whit, to be an arc in an immeasurable circle of light and glory. The great river-courses which have shaped the lives of men have hardly changed; and those other streams, the life-currents that ebb and flow in human hearts, pulsate to the same great needs, the same great loves and terrors. As our thought follows close in the slow wake of the dawn, we are impressed with the great sameness of the human lot, which never alters in the main headings of its history—hunger and labour, seed-time and harvest, love and death. —George Eliot.

Preparing For Summer Racing

FORT FAIRFIELD, Me., March 17.—Four horses owned by George W. Reed, of Reed Brothers, are being shipped from here to Barton, Vermont, where they will enter the Roaring Brook Racing Stable and be prepared for the coming season's racing by W. J. Utton, who last year raced Lambert Todd, 2:02 1-4, and a number of other horses through the Maine and New Brunswick Circuit.

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