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CH'TOWN HOSPITAL DRIVE

Elsewhere in this issue is an announcement for a $100,000 drive for a new Charlottetown Hospital to be erected in place of the one recently partially destroyed by fire.

A call for a hospital is an appeal to Christian charity, an irresistible appeal to every one professing to be guided by Christian principles, and we feel sure that in this province of professing Christians the appeal will not fall upon deaf ears.

The Charlottetown Hospital was a necessity, an indispensable necessity, and its destruction is a loss not only to the city but to the province. It remains for the province to restore the institution, not by patching up the old, which had become too small for its needs, but by building a new, more modern and safer one. The cost of the new hospital is placed at $100,000. The appeal for this amount is not an appeal for charity, it is an appeal to Christian Charity for an amount we owe and which we have a right to pay. To heal the sick is one of the great missions of Christianity and our hospitals are an expression of our Christian sincerity.

The dates for the drive in Charlottetown are December 5 to December 17; outside the city from December 12 to 24. We commend the appeal to all our people and trust that as a result there shall rise on the ashes of the old a larger, better equipped and more modern Charlottetown Hospital.

POLITICAL HONESTY

Whatever else the people of Canada should look for in their political leaders, they should look for honesty, both personal and political. Too often a distinction is made between the two; too often it is argued that a man should be allowed some latitude in expounding his political creed and his political intentions; too often political promises are known to be made for political purposes and not intended to be kept. No honest politician will make such promises; no politician should be trusted who will make them.

How do the leaders of the three political parties measure up in the matter of honesty? Will any honest elector claim for a moment that either Mr. Crerar or Mr. King is honest? Look at the records.

Mr. King and Mr Crerar both are claiming that nobody need be afraid of injurious interference with the Protective tariff by them or their parties.

But what do their platforms say?

The platforms of the Grain Growers' Association, which Mr. Crerar represents, calls for "an immediate substantial, all-round reduction of the tariff", with the total abolition of duties on a large range of products, and free trade with England within five years.

Then, is Mr. Crerar honest?

Even apart from the total abolition of such duties as the farmers' platform demands, can there be "an immediate, substantial all-round reduction of the tariff" without upset of our industrial world?

So, is Mr. Crerar honest when he tells the people that his party does not mean injurious interference with the tariff? How can he be honest when he professes to lead the farmers on a platform of tariff smashing, and tells the rest of Canada that he intends to protect the tariff?

Next, is Mr. King honest?

Mr. King, too, tells the people that they need not fear what he will do to injure the tariff.

But what does the Liberal platform say, as laid down by the Liberal convention of 1919, which elected Mr. King leader?

The Liberal platform pledged the party to abolition of duties on wheat, flour, all meats, vegetables, fruits and in short on "all principal articles of food," and on all agricultural implements and machinery, and on all mining machinery, mach mill machinery, lumber, etc., "a revision downward of the tariff whereby substantial reductions should be effected" in a large list of other duties—also, to cut the British preference down to one-half of any remaining duties.

No matter how slowly all this were to be gone about, the ultimate effect would be the ruin of half the industry of Canada.

So, is Mr. King honest when he tells the people that his party does not mean injurious interference with the tariff? How can he be honest when he accepts leadership of the Liberals on a platform of tariff smashing, and tells the rest of Canada that he intends to protect the tariff?

What issue in public affairs can be greater than honesty?

So there are really two vital issues in this election.

One is the Protective tariff.

The other is public honesty.

And Mr. Meighen stands for both.

What is the duty of honest electors? To support Messrs Crerar and King in voting for the candidates is personal as well as public dishonesty.

Electors, honest electors, if misled by the misrepresentations of designing politicians whose only hope is to save their own political skins, look the records over honestly and without political bias, then do for your country what you would do for your our personal business, vote for the man who tells you the straight truth and who is honest, vote for Meighen and his candidates.

THAT SOLDIER'S NUMBER

The Patriot tried to make political capital out of the fact that the regimental number of Stephen L. Thompson, recently interviewed by a Guardian correspondent, was the same number as that of another Prince Edward Island soldier. Mr. Thompson writes The Guardian stating that the interviewer had made a mistake in taking the figures and that the correct number is 713269, not 713259 as first given. The error was not in any way material to the point at issue. The soldier's name was given and that should have been sufficient for the Patriot. Moreover, for the further information of the Patriot and of Mr. J. E. Sinclair, Mr. Thompson has his war record which can be examined by any one desirous of doing so. He served in France from November 1, 1916 till the close of the war. He is not ashamed of his name and is not afraid to declare over his name that all the political talk of Mr. Sinclair and the Patriot about the manipulation of soldiers' votes is an absolute falsehood. Will Mr. Sinclair or the Patriot find a soldier who over his own name will give any definite statement of his having been improperly influenced in the matter of his vote. So far no soldier has hone so.

MODERNIZING PROGRESSIVES

To enable the National Progressive party to collect and spend moneys contributed for political purposes without falling foul of the Elections Act, the new national policy committee has been incorporated under the laws of Manitoba. Announcement of incorporation is made in the Manitoba Gazette and the capital stock is placed at $5,000 in shares of $5 each. The incorporators, of whom there are five, include G. H. Butnell, organizing director of the United Grain Growers,

Current Comment

Just for the present let us have a little candid talk with our farmer friends in this province. By this we mean those who have in the past stood true to Conservative doctrines, and to those many others whose love of justice and regard for the interest of the country is too sacred to sacrifice upon the shrine of political fads. It may be that in some small measure the Ottawa Government has not measured up to your expectations. Have you given thought to the fact that no government ever has, and do you honestly believe that there ever will be a government that will meet your views in every respect? You have heard all kinds of charges and calumnies hurled against the Meighen Government, but in the honesty of your own souls have you yet come across a syllable or a sentence of all these that has stood the test of truth? Do you believe in this pure and unadulterated slander, scattered by irresponsible demagogues, and yet claim to be on the side of, and an exponent of, British justice and fair play? We know that you do not, and we know further that those who propogate and spread this malignity, do not themselves believe a word of what they are scattering before the people of the country. Will you look into these facts and allow your own sense of honor to decide that issue?

Again we know that you are convinced that of the three parties now asking your approval the Meighen Government is the most stable and safest with which to trust the affairs of the country. Some of you believe in the farmers movement upon what you consider a justly established principle. Of course you are honest in this and it is not ours to question either your judgment or your right to act as you think best. But even when standing by a proper and well advised principle there is sometimes danger and disaster in doing so. To the Conservatives and Loyal protectionist farmer we ask what, if by polling his vote for a Crerar candidate, who hasn't the slightest chance of election, the result will be if the Mackenzie King candidate steps in to stop the wheels of progress in agriculture and industry, and to bungle the fiscal affairs of Canada? You may have the impression that because you are voting for the Farmer or Labor candidate that he is going to be elected. But if you realize that there are 18,000 votes in Queens County, and a proportional number in Prince and Kings and weigh the natural sound judgment of all of these you will see where the few votes polled outside of the straight old line party votes will be almost lost amongst the great mass that will surely be polled against the straggler candidates.

Moreover in your clean and honest judgment can you approve the policy of the Grain Growers Party? They want a high price for their wheat and wheat products. Do you? Most of you have to buy your flour and you want it as cheap as you can get it. Almost all of our Island farmers have to buy bran, shorts, middlings and mixed stock feeds DO YOU WANT TO PAY THE GRAIN GROWER A HIGHER PRICE THAN HE IS NOW PULLING OUT OR YOU? That is the one big thing that he

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Daily Selections for Guardian Readers

From the collection of the late Mr. W. S. Louson

THE LITTLE CHURCH

"Away in the heart of the hill-tops green,
Where the wind from the sea blows cool and clean,
Lies the littlest church that was ever seen.

"The robin, the wren, and the tiny tit,
In and out of the windows flit,
And a hedge of briar encloses it.

"While far above in the blue o' the skies
There are larks that watch till the long day dies,
And then the stars with their golden eyes....

"You can read the name of it, fair and small,
Round the rose-hung porch in the south-west wall—
The Church of the Youngest Angels of All.

"But into it only a child may go,
Or a few (so few!) that to manhood grow,
Yet keep the child's heart—white as snow.

G. G., in Morning Post.

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.

SOME HOG

Sir,—I notice in Wednesday's Patriot and article signed "Farmer" dealing with imports of American Pork products, surely this is not an Island farmer, if so I wonder what American farmers will think of us when we tell them theyg are raising hogs weighing 800 lbs. Possibly this man is a Liberal politican and has meant some other kind of animal. He may have been hunting up McKenzie King and was invited into a Yankee zoo and shown the Hippopotamus.

P. E. I. FARMER.

Reply T J. Walter Jones

Sir,— I note your reply to my letter of 22nd, and whilst your remarks regarding the salaries received by Mr. Crerar are very indefinite you say nothing regarding the amounts paid by him to the secretaries and clerks of the Grain Growers Ltd.

If as you state Mr. Crerar refused to accept a salary from the above Company after becoming a member of the Union Government, but was this not with the intention of placing the Company in a position to still enable to carry on business with the Government. He could not expect the Government to give contracts to a company whose manager and President was a member of the Cabinet.

Mr. Crerar took over the management of this company in 1907 and not being content with their regular dealings in grain they purchased a seat on the Winnipeg Graing Exchange and by their speculation in the wheat market, the directors of this company have become millionaires and today this company is one of the largest and wealthiest concerns in Canada. Is this creating "Big Interests.'

The amount you say you received whilst in the employ of our Dominion Government only equals one quarter of that paid by Mr. Crerar to his clerks.

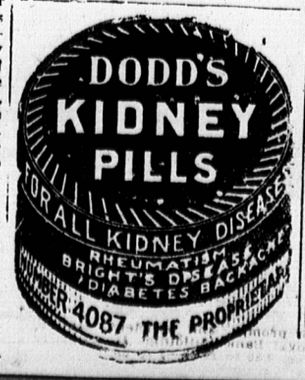
Now Mr. Jones I consider it would be far better when discussing matters of this kind if you were more candid and less evasive. What the farmers wish to know today from politicians are facts and if you cannot or do not wish to give such better not answer at all. I was simply asking for information and you have failed to give it.

We are not anxious to know of your success as an "Expert in Experimental Technology" and your British citizenship. You are now engaged in expermenting in Politics and possibly Mr. Crerar might if successful on Dec. 6th give you a position as Professor or Minister in his cabinet by creating a department of Technics and failing this a position as a chief adviser to the Commission of Conservation on matters pertainting to Fur-bearing animals in which you also claim to be an expert. In your recent speech at Bradalbane I read that you compare the Liberals and Conservatives to two dogs fighting for bones but that the bones are to go to you. In this respect you are not unlike your leader Mr. Ceraar who is always looking for spoils and who I admit is an able dealer but certainly not the kind of a Leader wanted by our farmers. You also told the farmers of your trip to Norway, but forgot to tell them you were acting as a dealer in foxes—what about the Karakule sheep? The so-called expert advice given so freely is not looked upon to favorably today by the farmers of this country.

You refer to an investigation at Ottawa in 1919, regarding the integrity of the Cabinet Ministers but which is evidently held a secret, unless you refer to the meeting of the members of the Progressive party, who attended in a body and framed the Western Farmers' platform which a few months later (according to Mr. Wright) was partly stolen by the Liberal party.

I am Sir, etc.,
FARMER

North Wiltshire,
Nov. 30th, 1921



Others' View Points

DR. F. J. CHEPHERD, AT

(Montreal Gazette.)

Dr. Francis J. Shepherd is to day seventy years of age. He has long stood the first rank of living surgeons. His preparation was thorough; his course at the Medical School of McGill College was followed by study in Edinburgh, and London, Paris and Vienna. In 1875 he was appointed demonstrator of anatomy at his alma mater. In 1878 he was chosen as surgeon to the outdoor department of the Montreal General Hospital. In 1883 he was appointed as its attending surgeon. He is today its vice-president and consulting surgeon. In 1883 he succeeded Dr. W. E. Scott as professor of anatomy at McGill, filling that chair for thirty years. His colleagues declare that his was the chief influence in forming McGill medical students during that long period. He taught the primary courses in anatomy at the college, and the final years in surgery and dermatology at the hospital. His class rolls numbered four thousand, at least. Six weeks ago, at the reunion of McGill alumni, Dr. Shepherd was greatly cheered as many of his students gratefully credited their success to his ability and fidelity as their teacher.

For two years Dr. Shepherd was a fellow-student with Dr. William Osher, and for ten years a colleague. Their friendship was of fraternal warmth. Dr. Shepherd is wont to recall the days when Osler and he were students together, and the chief cause of disease, the direct foe of the surgeon, remained undetected. In an address before the Ontario Medical Association, May 27, 1915, he said: "We knew nothing that putrefaction was caused by the oxygen of the air. When Pasteur demonstrated that putrefaction was caused by microbes, Lister welcomed his discovery and declared: "Thus was presented a new problem; not to exclude oxygen from wounds, which was impossible, but to protect them from the living causes of decomposition by means which should disturb the tissues as little as is consistent with the attainment of the essential object. Since then it has been proved that putrefaction is not the only cause of serious mischief in wounds, for there are microbes which are odorless and yet produce profound septic effects."

He continues: "Surgery is still advancing and is enlisting more votaries than ever before. Every small place has now a well-equipped hospital with excellent facilities, and every opportunity is offered for the prosecution of the art of surgery. I am afraid that there is often more art than science, and much unnecessary operating because now most operations are comparatively safe. There is something more than mechanical skill needed here. The most important attributes of a surgeon are judgment and knowledge when to operate and when not to operate, and when to stop. Mechanical knowledge of surgery can never teach this."

Dr. Shepherd has been a frequent contributor to medical nad surgical journals. He is one of the authors of "The American Text Book of Surgery," which has passed through many editions. He has been honored with the presidency of the Canadian Medical Association and the Dermatological Society. In 1913, at the International Congress of Medicine, in London, he was a vice-president. Harvard, Edinburgh and other leading universities have granted him their highest degree, that of L. L. D.

In 1914 Dr. Shepherd retired from active practice, but not from active work. As the president of the Art Association of Montreal, he has toiled on its behalf with results never before recorded in its history. He has obtained many gifts of pictures for its gallery; these include canvases by the Maris Brothers, Daubigny, Israe's Boudin and Romney.

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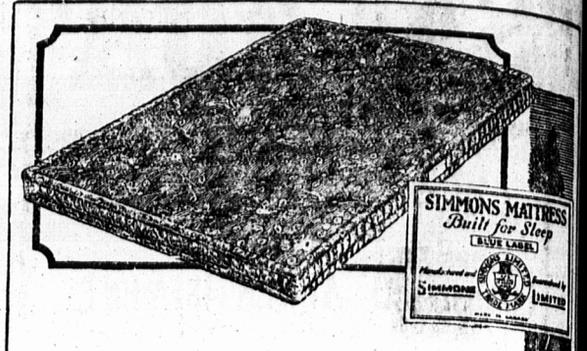

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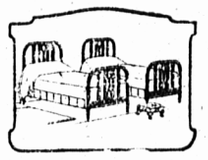

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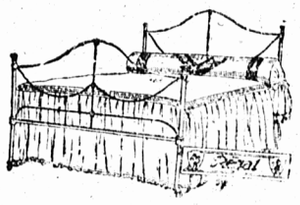

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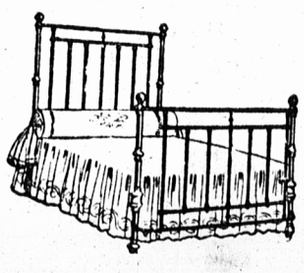

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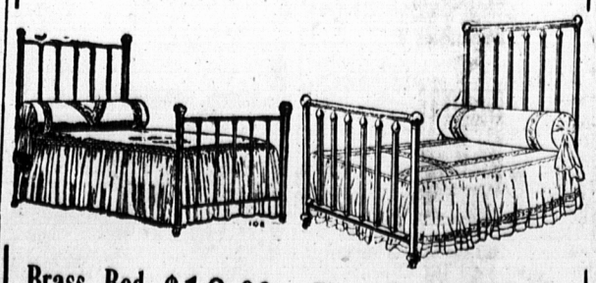

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