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Is Mr. King Responsible?

The question has already been asked by Hon. R. B. Bennett: Is Prime Minister Mackenzie King really responsible for what he says? The leader of the Government has made so many inconsistent statements during the present election campaign, he has said so many things that are at variance with facts, that the most charitable view for his party supporters to take is that Mr. King's memory is failing him. His flat denial of the notorious "five-cent piece" speech in Parliament, notwithstanding that this speech is on record in Hansard, is a case in point. Another striking example of irresponsibility is found in his attitude towards Maritime claims. As every Maritime elector knows, the most important of these claims, namely, readjustment of subsidy which was urgently recommended to the Government four years ago, is still outstanding. Yet in his speech at Sydney the other night Mr. King declared:

"I stand here tonight and say to the Maritime Provinces that there is not a major recommendation in the Duncan report, not a recommendation of any real significance today, that we have not carried out in letter and in spirit."

Here is the recommendation of the Duncan Commission with respect to subsidy readjustment:

"It follows from what we have said, that both in respect of grants for the machinery of government and in respect of debt allowances, the Maritime Provinces have satisfied us that they have a genuine claim to a readjustment of the financial arrangements that exist between the Dominion and themselves, and that in any readjustment of these arrangements, the terms of readjustment are obviously a matter for detailed consideration, and that the actual amount—as well as the reasons and purposes attaching to it—can be recognized by the rest of Canada as fair and equitable. It is not possible, therefore, to make a final recommendation as to the increase and form of Dominion aid which is required to satisfy the just claims of the Maritime situation, but we recommend that the Dominion Government should give immediate consideration to the whole of this subject, with a view to a complete readjustment of the financial arrangements as between them and the Maritime Provinces."

Will the Hon. Cyrus Macmillan, Minister of Fisheries, who was a member of the Commission which submitted the above recommendation to Premier King on September 23, 1926, say that this recommendation was implemented "in letter and in spirit"? Or is it his leader's contention that this was not a "major recommendation" and is "not of any real significance today"? Surely, if Mr. King is not completely irresponsible for his statements, it was unnecessary for him to add insult to injury by telling a Maritime audience at Sydney that he had implemented "in letter and in spirit" this most important of all the Duncan Commission recommendations which he had callously ignored for the past four years, and the satisfactory settlement of which, to this Province alone, according to Premier Lea would mean increased federal subsidy of over three and a quarter million dollars.

Our Subsidy Claims

However unimportant the belated settlement of the subsidy claims of the Maritime Provinces may appear to be to Premier King, there can be little doubt about the importance of these claims to this Province. The pamphlet submitted last January by Premier Lea shows that Prince Edward Island is entitled to an annual subsidy of \$3,372,166.57, plus \$200,000 cash payment for damages arising out of expropriation of the Delton Sanatorium and for maintenance and improvements in public buildings. And in this estimate Premier Saunders assured the Legislature that Mr. Lea had erred, if at all, on the side of modesty. We may take it, therefore, that the least that

this Province is entitled to receive from the Federal Government is the amount specified by the present Premier and published with his authority on the editorial page of the local Liberal organ on January 21 last. In the circumstances, and in view of the extraordinary contention of Premier King that he has fully implemented the major recommendations of the Duncan Commission, it is incumbent upon the Provincial Government, which boasts of being "in line" with the Liberal administration at Ottawa, to remind Mr. King that our subsidy claims have not been settled and that no settlement can possibly be considered that does not take into account the full amount of our claims, namely, \$3,372,166.57 subsidy plus \$200,000 cash payment.

A Poet on Poetry

Poets have occasionally been moved to write in prose in defense of their art, not because poetry needs defense in any age, but because its value and purpose are so little understood by those who do not read poetry. It is doubtful whether one can be argued into an appreciation of something which, after all, is a matter of taste; but those of our readers to whom the Poet's Corner makes an appeal will find satisfaction in the contention advanced by Mr. Alfred Noyes, English poet, that the value of poetry lies in the fact that it is a means of increasing the real values of life itself.

"Most people, at the present day," says Mr. Noyes, "are sleepwalkers. They are alive, but they are not really awake, and they do not realize their own miraculous possessions, or really perceive the world around them. They are hypnotized by their own routine, even when it is a scientific routine involving observation of a certain order of facts, and they spin round like humming-tops, fast asleep. We know how amazingly this is sometimes discovered when anything happens to disturb that routine. We have only to think of what would happen to our climate if through some climatic change the trees were to break into leaf only once in a generation, and flowers to appear on the earth only once in a quarter of a century. The beauty of that appearance would be almost overwhelming. We should walk in wonder and awe through our fields and woods and an apple-bough in blossom would seem to us, then, the miracle that it really is. "It is in this quickening of the senses, not to airy nothings (Shakespeare gave that phrase to a representative of statecraft, not a citizen of the heavenly city,) that poetry has its great part to play in our modern life. It quickens us to miraculous realities. To enter into the kingdom of great poetry is to enter into the real world, the intelligible world, a world that is for more solid and sure than that which surrounds most people."

Editorial Notes

Premier King told his Charlottetown audience last Saturday that he was anxious to go for a swim on Sunday afternoon. Nothing like getting into training for his long submergence under the flowing Conservative tide.

The warmth of the reception tendered Messrs. Myers and McLure at the Conservative rally Monday night was another evidence of the sentiment of the electors of Queens County in favor of the candidates supporting Hon. Mr. Bennett's Canada-first policy.

With Dr. Cyrus Macmillan and Mr. Ian Mackenzie taken into the Ministry, Mr. King's pre-election Cabinet re-organization is over, but the Premier has promised "more extensive" changes after the election. Well, as the Ottawa Journal suggests, Mr. King will likely have to get rid of his entire Cabinet and tender his own resignation after the election; but meanwhile a lot of his captains must be wondering why the Premier wants to get rid of them. The thing hardly fits in with the claim that the Ministry is 100 per cent efficient.

Notes By The Way

When the Dunning budget was brought down on May 1st, Mr. Dunning turned his first somersault. He proposed a fixed duty after declaring a seasonal tariff impossible in Canada. Then 18 days later—on May 19—he scrapped his fixed duty and adopted the seasonal tariff, thereby completing the double somersault. If he could change twice under political pressure in this period what hope have the public that all the tariff schedules won't be torn to pieces to meet political expediency if the King Government is returned.

With an elastic Liberal imagination and a shock-absorber satisfactorily functioning, the driver of a car might persuade himself that the roads at present are in a condition to deserve the eulogium handed out to them recently in the local Liberal organ.

To the driver who is obliged to take the bumps as they come without the aid of an imagination, the roads in this province for the past few weeks have been more cut up with ruts than they have been in many years. And this at the beginning of the tourist season. There may be extenuating circumstances, there may be reasons for this condition, but to call such roads the best we have had is only to draw attention to their defects, and to give visitors the impression that we don't know the meaning of the word roads.

Ex-Postmaster Veniot is true to type. While campaigning in the recent New Brunswick election, we are told that he did so as a citizen of the Province, rather than as a Cabinet Minister seeking preferment in the coming election. A rose by any other name, etc.

Within five weeks the King Government adopted four different tariff attitudes: (1) No tariff at all on fruits and vegetables; (2) No seasonal tariff; (3) A fixed tariff; (4) Replacement of the fixed tariff with a seasonal tariff and this is only one instance. What hope can be entertained of a stable tariff under such circumstances?

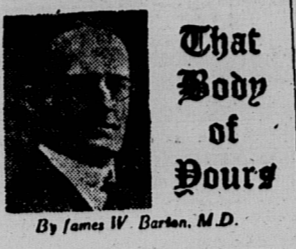
The Hon. Chas. Stewart's most significant statement during the 1930 budget was that wherein he let the cat out of the bag and indicated the real reason for the amazing feature of the budget. "I think the Minister of Finance has shown remarkable skill in producing a tariff which comes so near to pleasing all kinds of divergent opinions."

Hon. R. J. Macdon, in his speech fittingly summarized the Dunning budget in these words: "The more it is investigated, the more sham, deceit and humbug you find it contains. The budget is a queer mixture of free trade and protection, of British preference and American preference of tariff stability and tariff imbecility. In other words the object of this budget is to get the votes of both the protectionist and the free trader by deceiving the one and betraying the other."

The countervailing duty means nothing more nor less than equality of duty. For instance, if the United States charges Canada a duty of \$1 on a certain article, that will be the rate of Canadian duty on the same article coming into this country from the United States. It is, indeed, the "brick for brick" policy of which we have heard much in other years.

Knowing, before the disaster that cost him his life, that he had broken the world's record for speed boats, Sir Henry Segrave probably met death in the way he would have chosen. He had been driving racing craft too long to be unaware that every time he set out to attack a record he took his life in his hands. When at Miami he drove his car, The Golden Arrow, at the almost incredible speed of 231 miles an hour, he said that the slightest shifting of his grip on the wheel, causing the merest change in his arrow course, would have meant instant death. Having made this record, he turned his attention to the driving of speedboats and as the event proved had in Miss England II, a craft capable of greater speed than ever before was made by a boat without wings. The world's championship would, in all probability, have fallen to him this summer in the course of the international contests, and he would thus have had to his credit the two supreme records of motordom. Even death has not robbed him of the fame that comes to a man who drove the fastest mile on land and the fastest mile on water ever to be recorded. The British Empire mourns a very gallant gentleman in the loss of Major Segrave.

The Fisheries News Bulletin of British Columbia gives the following statistics on the value of the salmon fisheries on the Pacific coast. In 1929 there was shipped from Vancouver to points outside of Canada no less than 1,213,697 cases of 48 pounds each. This total was slightly lower than in 1928, but was somewhat above the annual average for the 3-year period 1926-1928.



By James W. Barkin, M.D.

DON'T NEGLECT JAUNDICE

You have seen an individual with jaundice, that yellow tinging of the skin, and perhaps have wondered what caused this condition.

As a matter of fact, there are a number of conditions that may exist. 1st. Something may be pressing on the little tubes that carry the bile away from the liver and gall bladder and so the bile is forced back into the liver, is carried away by the blood, and of course goes to all parts of the body, including the skin. This may be caused by gall stones, or by a growth.

2nd. Some infection gets into the blood, and of course goes almost directly to the liver where it inflames the liver cells. One of the jobs done by these liver cells is to take the yellow coloring matter made up from broken down blood cells, and use it to form bile. If however the liver cells are inflamed by an infection or poison entering the blood they cannot do this work properly, and so this yellow coloring matter remains in the blood and of course tinges everything yellow, including the skin.

3rd. Certain other types of infection attack the blood and destroy so many red blood corpuscles, that there is too much broken down substance in the blood for the liver to handle, even if the liver cells themselves are healthy.

Dr. Wm. Wagner, Toronto, advises that where there is jaundice, it is well to remember that in the majority of cases it is due to some infection in the system, and the treatment is the same as in any other infection—rest.

Diet is most important, and means that meats and fats, must be cut down, and the starches and sugars increased. In fact sugar is most essential. Plenty of liquids must also be used.

Where the X ray or dye test meals shows that a stone or growth is present it means operation, although not usually an immediate operation.

The jaundice due to destruction of the blood itself also involves an operation, but upon the spleen, not the liver.

Don't neglect an attack of jaundice, even if you have no pain, no nausea, or no colic.

Get to bed, send for your doctor, and treat the condition as you would any infection.

It may not be of a serious nature, but it is a sign that all is not right, and its cause should be investigated.

The Poet's Corner

FROM "THE DAFFODIL FIELDS" There are three fields where daffodils are found; The grass is dotted blue-grey with their leaves; Their nodding beauty shakes along the ground Up to a fir-clump shutting out the eaves Of an old farm where always the wind grieves High in the fir-boughs, moaning; people call This farm The Roughs, but some call it Poor Maid's Hall.

There, when the first green shoots of tender corn Show on the plough; when the first drift of white Stars the black branches of the spiky thorn, And afternoons are warm and evenings light, The shivering daffodils do take delight. Shaking beside the brook, and grass comes green, And blue dog-violets come and glistening celandine.

And there the pickers come, picking for town Those dancing daffodils; all day they pick; Hard-featured women, weather-beaten brown, Or swarthy-red, the color of old brick. At noon they break their meats under the rick. The smoke of all three farms lifts blue in air As though man's passionate mind had never suffered there.

—John Masfield.

More than 1,000 tons of food intended for export are condemned every day at the Port of London.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF ARITHMETIC

(Donald Rose in the North American Review)

I PROFESS to no particular prejudice against arithmetic. The ghastly stuff probably belongs somewhere in the civilized scene, and I was once a sabre-toothed shark at it. I could assimilate a staggering column of figures, multiply it by a cock-eyed decimal fraction, divide it by at least common denominator or anything else that was handy, and carve it neatly into fractions and cube roots, until the cows came home. Thence I went further into higher and wilder mathematics. In spite of which, I now confess that I can't lay a slice of linoleum beneath the kitchen sink without a paper pattern cut out by my wife's loving hands. The net residue of some twelve years of arithmetic amounts to this that I can usually remember my own telephone number; and know the change from a five dollar bill. All the rest is gone off into smoke.

I would willingly forget all this, except that the curse of my youth is now fallen upon my innocent children. The oldest son, for instance, is periodically paged by one another of his young friends on the family telephone. The young gentleman on the other end has forgotten the assignment, which ought to be reason enough for trotting home-work with the indifference it deserves, but isn't. He wants to know what the "problems" for tomorrow may be.

My son says incredible things to him. I quote him verbatim. "Listen, now, and I'll tell you. Find the angles of a triangle if the first angle is twice the second and the third is 15 degrees less than two times the first. That's what I said. I know its cuckoo, but that's what it says."

That is arithmetic or something, and that is not all. I have a comely young daughter who, as the poet says, is standing with reluctant feet where the brook and river meet. But she is also standing, for reasons known only to the pedagogues, up to her knees in arithmetic. She must bewilder her curly head with the bad language of the textbooks in mathematics. She must spend her evenings looking cross-eyed at a book whose principle intention is to be as unintelligible as possible. I concede that it may be important that a 13-year-old blonde should understand a modicum of mathematics. But I cannot understand why she should bother with brokerage, or worry over rates of international exchange and insurance premiums on a shipment of cotton bales. And that's the sort of raw material which goes by the ton into arithmetic books.

Now is this all. The jargonizers who write the textbooks have no real intention of being comprehensible. They take a fairly simple problem and tie a knot, break it in the middle and tangle it in fly paper before they spring it on the budding mind of young America. This is presumably intended to compel the youngsters to think. It is more likely to give them St. Vitus's Dance.

This sort of thing is frightfully hard on parents. Father comes home from his work and the children descend upon him with the arithmetical ravings of a maniac, written in Jabberwocky and illustrated by hieroglyphic diagrams in the key of B flat. And he can't solve them. Nobody can but a mathematics teacher, and he has nothing else to do.

I concede that mathematics is probably a highly moral subject. But its demonstrable usefulness is too tragically trifling compared to the trouble it takes. An unsuccessful man will rarely have occasion to make use of arithmetic, because he will never have anything to count. A successful man can buy a calculating machine or hire a bookkeeper, and do without it. Schopenhauer discovered this obvious fact a century ago when he wrote: "That arithmetic is the basis of all the mental activities is proved by the fact that it is the only one that can be accomplished by a machine."

All this, you will understand, is in fact a brief parable of protest. The momentary grievance is arithmetic, but a dozen other educational absurdities would do nearly as well to get my steam up. The years of youth are nearly a third of our allotted three score and ten. By consent of all poets and

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS. More than 1,000 tons of food intended for export are condemned every day at the Port of London. cover to points outside of Canada no less than 1,213,697 cases of 48 pounds each. This total was slightly lower than in 1928, but was somewhat above the annual average for the 3-year period 1926-1928.

MR. KING KISSES

(Ottawa Journal) We felt it in our bones all along that sooner or later this would happen:

By RAY BROWN Canadian Press Staff Correspondent.

RICHMOND, Que., June 19—A beautiful bouquet of peonies and a warm welcome was given Premier King when his train stopped here for a brief interval today. The peonies were presented by Miss Mina Smith, daughter of J. D. Smith, president of the Liberal Association of Richmond Wolfe. "She would like to give you this bouquet of flowers," said Mr. Smith. "I wish you would give me something else," responded Mr. King to the little girl, then he kissed her. There was no speech.

Mr. Ray Brown, who is a respectable married man, moulded in the austere environment of the Press Gallery, neglects to state the precise or approximate number of Summers of the young lady thus honored by our Premier, contenting himself with the mere mention that she was "a little girl." It was, we think, a grave reportorial mistake. In these decadent days the phrase "little girl" frequently covers a multitude of years, and a first class chronicler of the activities of our statesmen should be more meticulous about details of obvious and major importance.

Mr. Bennett, too, is entitled to know the facts. If this election is going to be won by osculation instead of oratory, it is important to know in just what force the enemy is going to attack. For our own part, wanting the Conservatives to win, we view what has happened with alarm. Mr. Bennett, a bachelor too, shouldn't really be handicapped in any such pleasant strategy, but while we're prepared to put odds on him on the platform or in Parliament, we confess to an inferiority complex when it comes to accepting bouquets with the maximum of gallantry and gratitude. In that field, we fear, Mr. King has the edge. Last year, we recall, he went out to Prince Albert, turned up at a christening, produced a silver mug, and took the place by storm. The truth is that at either a christening or a wake, Mr. King is in a class by himself. He can look as sad as a man who holds Nickel at 70, and when he gets through something the depths of pathos, turn up at a wedding like a Rudy Vallee. Hence our alarm over this incident at Richmond. It's up to General McRae to make Mr. Bennett counter attack at the earliest possible date.

cheerful philosophers, they are the gracious and generous ways, when our capacities for life are way ahead of its responsibilities and hopeful energy has not been discouraged by experience. And they are short and go swiftly. So it might be supposed, that we

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THE LAND WE LOVE

By FRANK LEIGH

INVESTMENTS IN CANADA

Q. What are the estimated British and foreign investments in Canada? A. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics estimates that the total British and foreign investments in Canada on January 1928, was \$5,742,043,000, \$3,285,786,000 being from the United States; \$2,209,517,000 from the British Isles and \$245,740,000 from other countries. These large sums should be considered in the light of the fact that Canada's national wealth is estimated to be between 27 and 30 billions, or about five times the amount of invested foreign capital. Canadians also own from 55% to 65% of the securities of all enterprises located on Canadian soil. On the other hand, Canadian investments in foreign countries is estimated at \$1,579,074,000 or more than a quarter of outside investments in Canada.

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