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THE CHARLOTTETOWN GUARDIAN CURRENT COMMENT

TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 1920

MR. CREELMAN M'ARTHUR EXPLAINS.

We publish elsewhere in this issue a letter from Mr. Creelman McArthur, M. L. A., purporting to be a joint exoneration of himself and Mr. Saunders from all blame in connection with the miscarriage of the Public Accounts Committee's report.

Mr. McArthur states that he "never even mentioned to Mr. Bell or the Speaker anything about the Public Accounts report and I am sure neither did Mr. Saunders." When Mr. McArthur remembers that the financial position of the province was the chief matter that came before the legislature during the session and the chief matter before the people previous to and since the election, does he consider he did his whole duty, as chairman of the Public Accounts Committee, when he prepared, without consulting not only the Premier but the Conservative members of the committee, a report which gave absolutely no information regarding the Public Accounts? And is not his dereliction of duty all the clearer to himself and to the public when he remembers that the Auditor's report, which was suppressed, gave an entirely different complexion to the financial statement given out by the government and upon which they founded their new taxation scheme?

Mr. McArthur states in capital letters that he "did not promise to include the Auditor's statement in the report of the Public Accounts' Committee. He will remember however, that when a member of the committee suggested that, in view of the information given in it, the Auditor's report should be made public, he, Mr. McArthur, said he "had no objection to this being done."

This, naturally, was regarded by the rest of the committee as, at least, consent for its publication, but what happened? Mr. McArthur prepared his report surreptitiously, without consulting the Conservative members of the committee, without any reference to the Auditor's report, without even consulting Mr. Bell. The Conservative members of the committee knew nothing of the report until it was presented to the legislature. Then they did the only thing left for them to do; they hurriedly prepared a minority report and this report, although regularly received by the legislature, was on motion of Mr. Bell, refused a place in the journal of the House, an act for which there is no precedent either in this or any other legislature, an act of tyranny carried out only by the brute-strength of the majority.

Mr. McArthur claims that neither he nor Mr. Saunders was present when this was done and that they knew nothing of it until they read the report in the Guardian; Why did they not even then publicly repudiate the arbitrary and tyrannical action of their leader and their confederates? Were they not, if not "aiding and abetting Mr. Bell," at least "accessories after the fact."

We have no disposition to place any more blame upon Mr. McArthur than rightly belongs to him, seeing that he is as yet a novice in the game which he has undertaken to play with experienced gamblers like Mr. Bell and Mr. Saunders but we feel that he will agree with us that he has been led on very thin ice by his confederates and that the ice is breaking.

my part will be determined by circumstances. I will say this, however, that I as Chairman of the Public Accounts' Committee DID NOT PROMISE TO INCLUDE THE AUDITOR'S STATEMENT IN THE REPORT OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS' COMMITTEE. I can quite understand, however, that some of the Committee might have expected it, as I felt at the time, and still feel, that the abstract made by Mr. Anderson is of very little purport one way or another,—something like a chip in the porridge,—and so far as I am concerned, (and I believe I can say the same for others of the Committee) there is no reason why you cannot publish the same if you wish. As a matter of fact the Press had the privilege of attending the sittings of the Committee, and if they did not evince enough interest to ask when they were to be held, why, I cannot see what all the fuss is about.

I am, Sir, &c.,

CREELMAN M'ARTHUR.

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.

Mr. Creelman MacArthur Explains

Sir,—In an editorial of even date captioned, "The Pioneer speaks," you see fit to rake Mr. Saunders and myself over the coals regarding the Legislature's action on Saturday last in connection with a minority report of the Public Accounts Committee. You say, "The public are of the opinion that Mr. MacArthur as Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee, and Mr. Saunders, both aided and abetted Mr. Bell in concealing information to which the public are entitled, and concealing it, too, in the childish hope that the public would know nothing about it." Now, Mr. Editor, don't you think yourself, you are a little "too previous." Neither Mr. Saunders nor myself was in the House on Saturday morning when the minority report was presented and the first intimation I had of such a report, (and I don't even yet know what it contained) was when I read of it in the *Guardian*. I never even mentioned to Mr. Bell or the speaker anything about the Public Accounts report, and I am sure neither did Mr. Saunders, so it is quite evident that you "cannot" be the exception that you both had "abandoned" Mr. Bell in concealing information, etc.

I might say that so far as the Pioneer is concerned, the article you refer to did not emanate from or was it inspired by me; in fact I did not know the article even had appeared, as I had not read it, nor heard anything about it, but since reading the article I can see some reason why you want to make a personal attack upon Mr. Saunders and myself. This method, however, will be considered by the public, I believe, poor argument. Now, I do not intend to take up at this time the merits of the report of the Public Accounts Committee, and further action on

—Longfellow.

Mr. Peter Brodie represents Fort Augustus, a District historic as the political birth-place of such distinguished men as the late Senator Ferguson, Henry Beer (Speaker), Hon. F. Peters, L. O. Kelly and others. He was the accepted and successful standard bearer of the Liberal Party in the last contest. He ran his election upon the announced policy of his leaders, and to his credit he was the only man to come within an ace of respecting his pledges to the people. Of course this has not added to his popularity in Government circles. Anything of an honorable nature is obnoxious to them, and because of this they will be only too ready to settle and condemn. But in the public mind, Mr. Brodie can look down upon these as beneath him in public honor and decency, even though he can, he can never reach up to them in their high standards of political perfidy and treachery.

Mr. Brodie did not mince his language in condemnation of the Government's obnoxious TAXATION ACT. He was sorry to see it introduced by the Liberal party, he party he had always looked upon as clean and honest for the good of the country. But it was against their election promises, and it was no doubt to help on this salary grab that the people were to be taxed so heavily. "We were elected to cut down expenses, and not to increase taxes." One \$2200 official especially was to be cut down, and now instead of reducing these salaries they are increasing about \$20,000. "It is nothing but LEGALIZED ROBBERY." "We have no mandate from the country to increase our salaries and indemnities." "We are only here about six weeks and we get all that we are worth." The school teacher has to work a whole year for less money in many cases. "We are TAXED NOW UNDER THE SEA AND ABOVE THE SEA." "I was opposed to it in caucus, and I am opposed to it now, and I ask the press to do me justice and to report the stand I have taken."

If the Government had had the good sense to give the Agricultural portfolio to Mr. Brodie, they would have had at their council board one whose sober common horse sense would have been a vast improvement on that which has too evidently prevailed. He would not soar away up into the classics of political subterfuge and intrigue, to cater to the vaulting ambitions of his sharper colleagues, but like the governor on an engine he might have steered its movements, and possibly averted the catastrophe. A Government composed wholly of wire-pullers and opportunists, and wanting in the simpler yet more sensible brain power of such as Mr. Brodie, with his honest recognition of his duty to his constituents will have their just deserts when engulfed in the impending political cataclysm.

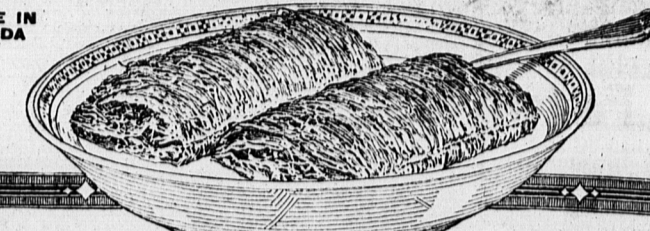
"Political Madness" is not contagious, and, notwithstanding our frequent contact with the Patriot, the *Guardian* has not yet contracted the disease. Even "Nature" captured in the "glorious month of May" does not justify glorification in political shame, and the "happy and contented" red herring which across the track will not efface the footprints in its path of infamy. Discussion of primeval incidents is not an answer to the living burning questions of today. What has the External Audit, covering only the transactions of the late Government, got to do with the hidden and suppressed audit of their own auditors, sworn to and presented before the Public Accounts Committee, with the transactions of the Government of today? Argument, no matter how plausible, upon the philosophic silence of the Egyptian Sphinx, will not pass in our intelligent community as an answer to this question.

The Patriot's weakness in decernment is painful. It doesn't seem to know the difference between liability and actual debt, or at least it pretends not to know. It is because the external, or more correctly the internal, audit discloses this difference and shatters the falsified statements with which the country has been deluged, and places the true facts before the people, that it has been suppressed, in defiance of every rule of parliamentary liability in its widest sense which the country is liable to be called upon to pay. Net debt represents the amount of money due, after the taxes and other funds provided to pay off this liability has been applied to that purpose. Thus by holding on to the assets and not paying the bills the Bell schemers created a fictitious liability in the hope that they could fasten it upon their opponents. And because a straight audit of their accounts, expresses this scheme, that audit, made by their own auditor, must

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be suppressed. This audit shows the increase of the net debt in the whole eight years of Conservative rule to be only \$56,757.23. Every fact and figure in this statement was before the Government and not a cipher or a dot or a figure was either challenged or questioned. No wonder they flee to suppression and cover to save their precious hides.

THE OLD GARDENER SAYS

If you are fond of cabbages, but have never eaten the Savoy, you have a treat ahead of you. By all means buy a few plants and set them now. For that matter, you can still sow seeds and have Savoy in the fall. Sow the seed in rows and transplant the thinnings so that they will stand eighteen inches apart. The heart of a Savoy cabbage, cooked and chopped fine, makes a dish of unrivalled excellence.

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