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TRAVERSING OLD GROUND

The speakers in the Legislature yesterday were Mr A. E. McLean, Mr A. C. McNevin, Mr H. Howatt, Dr A. A. McDonald and Mr A. C. Saunders.

A good deal of old ground was traversed, due to the fact that the previous speakers in Opposition had said practically all that the Opposition had to say in criticism of the Government and its policy. New ideas suggested by the Opposition were few and for the most part impracticable. The criticisms were as usual largely uninformed, and the Premier had on more than one occasion to request the Opposition to verify their information before making charges in the House. The most striking fact about the Opposition contributions to the debate has been the anxiety displayed to add to the burdens of the farmer by increasing taxation. Mr John McMillan suggested the Government should have imposed a tax to provide the 100,000 bushels of oats for the Field Service Fund. This, taking the value of oats at 60 cents a bushel would represent a tax of four dollars for every head of a family in the province.

Mr A. C. Saunders proposed a tax of three dollars per head on every man over 21 years of age who had not a son at the front. This tax he wished to go to support the Patriotic Fund, which he estimated would require \$60,000 per annum to provide for the relief of the dependents of soldiers in need on the Island. When questioned by the Premier as to how he would assess the tax in the case of those who were themselves finding difficulty to make ends meet and those who had already contributed to the extent of their ability, Mr Saunders admitted that he had not given these questions consideration, but merely suggested a tax as a means of raising money for the Patriotic Fund.

Mr A. E. McLean said a great deal in approval of the Government, but found fault with its oyster policy. He attempted to blame the Government for having done nothing to get the British authorities to buy oysters in the Island, for which he was brought to book by both the Premier and the Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr A. C. McNevin expressed his surprise that Mr Lea should have given the district he represented, and especially Victoria and Crapaud, such a bad reputation for drunkenness and contravention of the Prohibition Law. He felt certain the people of that district would resent the reflections cast upon their sobriety and good behaviour. He challenged the statement that a bottle of liquor could be obtained in the vicinity and contrasted that with the condition prevailing a few years ago.

Mr Howatt strongly commended home gardens, and gave an instance where a boy in his district made \$30 or \$40 by selling the products he had grown under the system. He criticized the oyster policy of the Government and said that what the fishermen took exception to was the practice of lease-owning companies dragging for oysters in productive areas in the close season in order to plant in barren bottoms.

Dr A. A. McDonald made one of the most striking addresses on the war heard during the session and lifted the debate to a higher plane than the House had been accustomed to. He showed that the true test of the popularity of the Government had taken place in his district, where his junior colleague had been returned in succession to his distinguished father by the biggest majority in the history of the constituency. He defended the automobile law and showed the inconsistency of Mr Hughes in acting as the President of the Tourist Association for the encouragement of tourist traffic, while making the anti-auto policy his trump card in the West River District.

Mr A. C. Saunders followed Dr McDonald both in order of debate and in the high level of debating ability. He spoke with a seriousness and deliberation sadly lacking in the contributions of the other members on his side of the House. His was the only attempt at constructive criticism advanced by his party. He suggested a commission to revise the education policy of the province and recommended that two schools should be provided for each district, one for children in grades one to three, and the other for children in grades three to six. He also proposed the abolition of free education in Prince of Wales College except for the first year, arguing that as students remained for the second and third years and then proceeded to Mount Allison or other colleges and were admitted to the second year of the course, the province was practically paying for the first year's training of students sent to these colleges. Unlike Mr Howatt, however, he did not approve of home projects and said that his experience with his own children proved that they were enthusiastic so long as the projects were a novelty, but soon lost interest in and neglected them. He did not approve of sheep rearing on a large

scale, but thought part of the \$20,000 received from the Agricultural Aid Grant should be devoted to providing prize seed for poor farmers.

The Premier pointed out that such a scheme did not come within the scope of the Agricultural Aid Grant. The Government had attempted to get approval for a similar scheme with regard to the distribution of mussel mud but were informed it could not receive approval.

Mr Saunders complained that the purchases of horses for the British army had not given the Island a fair share of the patronage, but this also the Premier pointed out was not the fault of either the Dominion or the local governments. Mr Saunders was discussing the purchase of hay to fulfil the war contracts when the House adjourned, to meet this morning at 10 o'clock.

SIGNS OF SPRING

Already from underneath the snow and the ice come the stirrings of the life that is awakening after its long winter sleep. The buds on the trees are changing perceptibly, showing that the life-blood is circulating and that the new life is responding to the warmth of spring. Our feathered summer visitors are beginning to arrive. The robin, the bronzed grackle, commonly called the blackbird, the song sparrow, the junco, the Bohemian wax-wing and the evening grosbeak have shown their faith in the returning spring by coming in, while some of the winter birds, notably the red poll, satisfied that the air is still sufficiently chill for him, has deferred his migration northward. Yesterday, a bat was seen flying along one of the suburban roads, probably on an inspection tour. It is early for the bat, as it usually postpones its exit from winter quarters until it is assured of sufficient warmth to induce the insects upon which it feeds to venture out. A few days ago The Guardian reported the receipt of a caterpillar from Cornwall and that may have had something to do with the bat's early expedition, as it has a strong affection for that little animal.

Notwithstanding these encouraging signs, spring and the regular spring work on the farm will be somewhat later than the average, although there is still a prospect of being earlier than last year, the condition of which is indicated by the fact that navigation did not open here until May 10. In 1914 the summer steamer, Northumberland, began service on the Charlottetown-Pictou route on April 24th, and in the previous year on April 22nd.

WORKING TO LIVE

Speaking of labouring men, an engineering authority writes in the New York "Evening Post" of a conversation he had with a very competent Belgian workman whom he had known in the old country and afterwards in Pittsburgh. The immigrant had been here some two years, and made this comparison:

"In Belgium I had my little home in the country, surrounded by green fields and everything was pleasant. In Belgium my children respected their parents, kissed the hands of my wife and myself, and addressed us as 'Father' and 'Mother.' I had my friends. We had our fete days, and life was pleasant. In this country I receive three times the wage. I live in a dark flat in the dirty city of Pittsburgh. My children treat me with contempt; they call my wife 'Mom' and me 'Pop.' I have my friends, but I must meet them in saloons reeking of beer and liquors; my sole amusement is limited to moving pictures; I have none of the pleasures of life; therefore I will go back to Belgium."

The Courier asks: "Is this why some Americans oppose the notion of ever fighting for their country?" The gradual disappearance of the "American" home has for some time past brought forth the regretful comment of many students of present-day conditions, and during the past few years the regret and the comment are being applied to the Canadian home, and with good cause. Many remedies have been proposed, probably many of them tried, but the home life is slowly disappearing. In the rush of the modern stream there is no time for home. Home amusements which used to satisfy have become tame amid the excitements that the rush brings.

The question arises with us, as it did with the Belgian workman above referred to, if, after all, the higher wage and the bigger profits are a big enough price for the comforts we are sacrificing for them. That he should long for the green fields of his former poorer home is natural, but he had given them up for the lure of the bigger pay in an American city. Are we too giving up the pleasures of home for things that fail to satisfy as his bigger wage failed to satisfy him?

NOTES

"Everyone looking back to Lincoln sees only his fine qualities, and joins in the world-wide acclaim of his greatness," says The Springfield Republican. "Yet the living Lincoln was the most ridiculed, the most sneered at, the most reviled public man of his time. Boston particularly was the home of many 'leading citizens' who despaired of their country under the weak, vacillating and hopeless leadership of Abraham Lincoln."



Island Roll of Honor

- WOUNDED**
- Harry M. Whitlock, Charlottetown
 - Donald Hume, Iris
 - Lieutenant Morrison, Georgetown
 - Private Peter Hughes, Mill Cove
 - Private J. E. Beaton, Brookfield
 - Private McQueen, Mount Vernon
 - William McIntyre, Charlottetown
 - K. P. Ellis, Summerside
 - Private W. B. Davey, Albion Bay
 - Pte. Ed. Hickox, Georgetown
 - Driver W. L. Ferguson, Alexandria
 - Harold Gillis, Summerside
 - Ronald Vessey, Charlottetown
 - Wilfred McKinley, Sydney
 - Daniel L. McBeth, Iris
 - Dr. James M. Smith, Albion Bay
 - George Currie, Georgetown
 - Herbert Cecil MacIntyre, Souris
 - John Stewart, Wood Islands
 - Emanuel Doiron, Charlottetown
 - Gunner W. G. Bruce, Red Point
 - Pte. C. A. Arnold, Charlottetown
 - Pte. L. Colma, Morell
 - Pte. E. Chandler, Mt. Albion
 - Pte. Garnett Gillis, Montague
 - Pte. Fred Halliday, Eldon
 - P. Carragher, Kelly's Cross
 - Fidele Gallant, Tignish
 - Capt. Fred Mays, Charlottetown
 - Nelson H. McLeod, Alberton
 - Harry Riley, Sea Cow Pond
 - Percy McNeill, Pointe-a-Croix
 - H. Beaulieu, Halliburton, P. E. I.
 - H. A. McBeth, Iris
 - Harold Beairto, Alberton
 - Ray Fitzgerald, Charlottetown
 - Percy Clark Sherren, Crapaud
 - Pte. Lester Prood, Charlottetown
 - Gunner J. Bowden, Charlottetown
 - Pte. N. McKenzie, Nino Mile Creek
 - Pte. W. A. McQueen, Mt. Vernon
 - John Daniel Jarvis, Grand Trac-die, P. E. I.
 - Edward Dickson, Georgetown
 - Harry Docherty, Martinville
 - Pte. Vernon E. McLeod, Fredericton
 - Wilfrid C. McDonald, Georgetown
 - James P. Hogan, Hope River
 - Private Geo. W. Sharp, Summerside
 - Private J. E. Lockerbie, Cascumpe
 - Private Bruce McLellan, Indian River
 - Pte. Damien McKenna, Charlottetown
 - Private Charles S. Beaton, Brookfield
 - Corp. Ambrose Cosgrove, Wellington
 - Wilfred Clark Wright, Victoria Crapaud
 - Robert Trainor, Charlottetown, (Vancouver, B. C.)
 - Lieut. Reuben E. Stewart, Wilmet Valley (Montreal)
 - Corp. H. S. Pearson, Charlottetown (Victoria Australia)
 - Pte. M. J. Fraser, Whim Road Cross
 - Lance Corporal M. W. Chisholm, Ufg-Lance Corporal, Angus Arsenault
 - Abram's Village
 - Private W. E. H. McKay, Bradalbans (Gas Poisoning)
 - Murdock Neil McPhee, Heatherdale
 - Stephen McKinnon, Charlottetown
 - Private Peter Martin Grant, Bangor
 - Pte. Samuel Elliott, Winslow Station
 - Harry Riley, Sea Cow Pond, Lot 1
 - Pte. Donald F. Campbell, Newport
 - Lot 54
 - Sergeant John A. McLean, North Caidigan
 - Private Gordon M. Sinclair, Montague
 - Pte. Wm. C. Delaney, Kensington
 - Lieut. Eric Warburton, Charlottetown
 - Pte. Clifford Rogers, Misconche, P. E. I.
 - Pte. Alexander McDougall, Nino Mile Creek
 - Sergt. John A. McNeill, Charlottetown
 - Farrier, James Gillis, Appin Road
 - Donald D. McPherson, Glen William (seriously ill)
 - Gunner James M. Smith, Lot 59, (seriously ill)
 - Sapper J. McDonald, Charlottetown
 - Daniel H. Bears, Brooklyn, Lot 61
 - James Marshall, Cove Head Road
 - Samuel Chandler, Pownal
 - ton, P. E. I.
 - Sergt. F. Simmons, Clyde River
 - H. Barsto, Halliburton

- PRISONERS**
- Pte. H. J. Wells, Elmsdale
 - Private M. Grant, Bangor, P. E. I.
 - Pte. John Murphy, Charlottetown
 - Private Peter McKenzie, St. Peter's Bay
 - Private J. Fraser, St. Peter's Bay
 - Private Daniel A. Simons, Port Wood
 - Private Lloyd Leeman, Georgetown
 - Pte. Lester Clair Johnston, Peter's Road

- MISSING**
- J. F. Peters, Charlottetown
 - Pte. Jas. Dawson, New London
 - Lieut. C. B. Pithlode, Charlottetown

- DIED FROM WOUNDS.**
- Private William Gordon, Montague
 - Patrick A. McManus, Bonshaw
 - Gunner Nell McIsaac, Souris
 - John Currie, Charlottetown
 - George Dunn, Rustico
 - Private John Curley, Charlottetown
 - Gordon Manderson, Malpeque
 - Pte. John W. McDonald, Bradalbans
 - Private Arch. McKinnon, Canoe Cove
 - Private Walter Smith Pownal, (Western Canada)
 - William D. McKinnon, Heatherdale
 - Donald D. McPherson, Glenwilliams

- KILLED IN ACTION.**
- Cyrus B. Birt, Pisquid East
 - A. C. Henderson, Union Road
 - John McLean, Charlottetown
 - Corp. Robert O. Stewart, Dunstaffnage
 - Pte. Arthur Robertson, Augustine Cove
 - Charles L. Pitts, Charlottetown
 - Sergt. Wm. B. Brady, Charlottetown
 - Pte. Alex. Lorne McNeill, Rocky Point
 - Moses Gallant, Whately River
 - Sapper S. Robinson, Charlottetown
 - Mr. Leo Wonnacott, Hunter River
 - Pte. Daniel McLeod, Charlottetown

- DIED ON MILITARY SERVICE**
- Private Fenton Alchorn, Rocky Point
 - Gunner Robert McPhee, Charlottetown
 - Gunner O. S. McEachern, Charlottetown
 - Pte. John McDonald, Charlottetown
 - Capt. T. M. Hyndman, Charlottetown
 - Major W. L. Harvie, Charlottetown

DAILY SELECTIONS FOR GUARDIAN READERS

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MEETING AGAIN.
by Hesper Le Gallienne.

After a year of days
We meet again.

Life's days go by with feistiness that is strange.
And join the Long Ago;
And every new day brings about a change
In someone's life, you know.
Today I've come to you and you to me,
After a year of days
We meet again.

The hours were long to count until you came.
But now you're here—
Different a little—and yet just the same.
But far more dear.
My pent-up love goes out to you, because
After a year of days
We meet again.

So put your arms around me, sweet
And say
You love me as before,
As if we'd just been parted for a day
And not a moment fore;
And that forever now, we two are one.
After a year of days
We meet again.

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PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

(Tune—Silvery Moonbeams.)

Beautiful homeland, gladly, gladly
This loving heart brings its tribute
to Thee.

Dear native country, fondly, fondly
Where'er I wander my thoughts
turn to thee,
Prince Edward Island, Thou art my
sireland,
Thou art the best loved wherever I
be
Gladly I praise Thee, fondly I love
Thee.

Beautiful Island—gem of the sea
Here's to the meadows, blooming,
blooming
Here's to the forests waving so free
Here's to the ranches booming,
booming
Silver black beauties that gambol in
glee
Here's to the roses, here's to the
clover

Madam Fashions Hold Court at Spring Opening which is being continued to-day COME PATONS

Lilt of the wild bird and hum of the bee
Land of the Mapleland of the beaver
Bonnie Prince Edward—gem of the sea.

Ready, eye ready the call to obey.
Best of creation, lovely as Eden
Sunshine and snowbird and evergreen
tree
Who would not praise thee, who
would not love thee
Prince Edward Island—gem of the sea.
JAMES LOCKE Stanhope.

Here's to our heroes bravely, bravely
Fighting for Motherland far far away
See the ranks muster grandly, grandly

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COUNTY COURT

CASES DISPOSED OF.—The County Court met yesterday morning at 11 o'clock when His Honour Judge Stewart delivered judgment in the following cases:—John F. Cheverie vs. Rea-

ney Gay, action for wages, judgment for plaintiff for \$55.00 and costs. Inman K. C. for plaintiff, Duffy and McCallum for defendant. Retnewr Machine Co., Ltd. vs. Stephen McKay, action on promissory note, judgment for defendant with costs, Gaudet, E. C. for plaintiff, Inman, K. C. for defendant.

Sills Ltd. vs. W. K. Rogers, action on contract, judgment for defendant, Gaudet, K. C. for plaintiff, Martin, K. C. for defendant. John Quinn vs. Gallagher, action for wages, judgment for plaintiff for \$19.00 and costs. Amess McDonald, K. C. for defendant.

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