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A MAN OF COURAGE AND CONVICTIONS.

THE great banquet tendered the Hon. J. D. Stewart, Premier, last evening was a well-deserved tribute to one of the ablest and greatest statesmen who has ever held the high office in this Province. Premier Stewart is not a self-seeker, and his worst enemies cannot accuse him of being a self-advertiser. No one probably has done less to seek publicity than he; indeed, he shrinks from the very appearance of publicity; and in these days when even Dominion statesmen travel to London with their publicity agent in their entourage, it is a pleasing change to find a Provincial Prime Minister content to pursue the even tenor of his way simply enjoying the satisfaction of accomplishing things for the good of his province and his fellow-men and women.

The short review the Premier gave of his stewardship brings prominently before us the fact that not since Premier Mathieson's tenure have we had a Premier with so much to his credit of things accomplished. He made few promises in his pre-election platform, but he has implemented every one of them and accomplished a great deal more for the lasting benefit of the province. He has continued the policy of road improvement inaugurated by Premier Arsenault in a much more economical and effective manner than his predecessor, Hon. J. H. Bell. He has carried out the Conservative policy of improving and building bridges of a permanent character. He has encouraged the co-operative movement in the interest of farmers on a scale never heretofore attempted. He has made the interests of the fisheries the interest of the Government as much as agriculture is, though handicapped by the fact that the Federal Government must necessarily be the moving spirit.

Above all, Premier Stewart has fulfilled his promise made to the electors in his election platform of 1923 of making revenue meet expenditure without additional taxation, and with the abolition of the obnoxious "Head Tax" enforced by the Liberals. While in opposition he constantly urged the Liberals to go after more revenue from Ottawa to which we were entitled, and was always met with the Liberal non-possimus. They never could, and certainly never did present our claims effectively at Ottawa these Liberal Governments; their policy, or main policy in office, being to tax everything "tangible and intangible" to the loss and handicap of farmers and citizens alike.

Premier Stewart has demonstrated beyond peradventure that he is as good as his word, and that when he says a thing can be done, the electorate may bank upon it, that it will be done.

It is in the spirit of this faith and confidence we approach and after consideration approve of the temperance policy which Premier Stewart outlined last evening as the platform on which the party will seek the support of the people at the election this summer. The temperance question is a big question, a prominent one in our local politics at the present time. No one has any thought or contemplation of reversing a policy of restriction and control favored by public opinion for quarter of a century, but it is generally admitted now that the hard and fast medical restrictions of 1918 overstepped the bounds and reacted to the detriment not only of temperance legislation, but all law. While liquor can be landed through the winking or non-attention of the Dominion Government it is not possible to have bone-dry prohibition.

Similarly when the Dominion Government regards home stills or "moonshining" as a venial offence not to be regarded so seriously as to demand active measures for its suppression, no local Government can hope to make a prohibition law generally effective. For this reason Premier Stewart considers the time has come to deal with the question with some hope of having informed public opinion behind him and to introduce a law the essence of which is that bootlegging will be suppressed, and those who consider it no sin to take a glass of ale when they think they require it, may do so without the mounted police being at their throats, and without the subtlety of lying as to the condition of their health to a medical doctor. The large majority of the doctors are sick and disgusted with the present law which makes them art and part in a common swindle, and consider it a derogation of their high and dignified profession to be made "the channels through which the Government seeks to control liquor, as the clergy previously repudiated the attempt made to make them the channels for such a purpose. Premier Stewart is not afraid to let the Government shoulder the obloquy, if obloquy there be, and place it in the hands of the commission as at present for administration.

All right-thinking people who have studied the question free from bias, will agree that Premier Stewart's policy is worthy of trial. If it does not realize all that is hoped for it, it can be amended, just as laws have been amended in the past, but at least the Premier will have the credit of taking his courage in both hands and putting his convictions to the test of a popular vote.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Alberta has gone regularly into mixed farming. Fodder crops, cattle raising and dairying are now carried on by all the farmers.

Eight hundred and fifty Norsemen, including two hundred and fifty Danes, are coming to Canada this spring. A few good farmers of the latter class would be welcomed in Prince Edward Island.

The Government of the Irish Free State is also trying to control the liquor traffic. A reform liquor bill is now before the Dail, the design of which is to curtail "the illegitimate back-door trade."

Nova Scotia has fourteen representatives in the House of Commons. It ought to have fifteen, the contention of the Government and Legislature of that province. It appears that someone blundered when the last readjustment was made.

An American newspaper correspondent, resident in London, states that the Prince of Wales is the "most widely loved individual in the world" and "the outstanding personality of the Twentieth Century." It is good to have such an opinion from a foreigner.

The College Times for March is a well-filled pamphlet of seventy-one pages, edited and managed by the students of Prince of Wales College—upon which it reflects credit. Editorially it gives promise of usefulness on the part of its staff in the years that are to come; and the reports, news, and fun with which it is well filled make it readable by citizens, old and young. The appreciation of our merchants and other men of business is shown in the large number of advertisements with which it is first and last pages are filled. It is for sale at the bookstores.

Notes by the Way

Collier's Weekly has been inquiring about penitentiaries in Canada and the United States and their respective methods of administration with the resulting judgment much in favor of the Canadian institution. In course of the inquiry the warden of Kingston penitentiary was questioned and in reply stated in part:

"If you ask what is the greatest boon toward advancement that has taken place in connection with the management of Canadian penitentiaries, I would have to say, the change in the appointment of officers, by taking the authority out of the hands of local politicians and placing it under the control of the Civil Service Commission."

The strict discipline exercised by the warden of a Canadian or British penitentiary over his subordinates and guards would be impossible if political dictation or interference existed as it does in the States. We can hardly imagine a guard in a Canadian penitentiary saying to a warden who had threatened to dismiss him, as did happen in a penitentiary across the border, "I've got more pull than you have, you big stiff!" The teachers in the Canadian penitentiaries are also selected from a Civil Service list, and serious study displaces idleness among the prisoners. Apparently there is much amusement such as radio concerts and general conversation permitted in an American prison, but not on this side the border, which, as the "Toronto Globe" remarks, is "neither disciplinary nor reformatory."

What is the result? Consider this fact," says Colliers. "In that land to the north where penitentiaries are penitentiaries, but where kindness, sympathy, toil and education join hands to make men, the murder rate is one victim out of every 200,000 persons per year. But in seven victims out of every 100,000 persons per year—that's the murder rate in our own United States!" Of course it is not altogether our

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FOR THE SCRAP BOOK

A SERIES OF LITERARY QUOTATIONS FOR BOOK LOVERS

Wednesday, March 16th.

The Puritan hated bear-baiting, not because it gave pain to the bear, but because it gave pleasure to the spectators. —Macaulay.

Short of Protest.—A mongrel and inferior people, incapable of any spiritual aspiration above that of second-rate colonialism, we (Americans) seek refuge inevitably in the one sort of superiority that is not the sort of man can authentically boast to wit, superiority in docility, in credulity, in resignation, in morals. We are the most moral race in the world; there is not another in that department; our confessed aim and destiny as a nation is to inoculate them all with our incomparable rectitude. In the last analysis, all ideas are judged, another as by moral standards; moral values are our only permanent tests of worth, whether in the arts, in politics, in philosophy or in life itself. Even the instincts of man, so intrinsically immoral, so inappreciate, are fitted with moral false-faces. That bedevilment of sex ideas which punishes continence, so abhorrent to nature, is converted into a moral frenzy, pathological in its intensity. Our passions and kick up one's legs, so healthy, so universal, is hedged in by incomprehensible taboos; it becomes stealthy, dirty, degrading. The desire to create and linger over beauty, the sick and touchstone of man's rise above the brute, is held down by doubts and hesitations; when it breaks through it must do so by ory and explosion, half ludicrous and half pathetic. Our function, we choose to believe, is to teach and inspire the world. We are wrong. Our function is to amuse the world. We are the Bryan, the Henry Ford, the Billy Sunday, among the nations. —H. L. Mencken.

Candidate For Truth.—God offers to every mind its choice between truth and repose. Take which you please—you can never have both. Between these, as a pendulum, man oscillates. He in whom the love of repose predominates will accept the first creed, the first philosophy, the first political party he meets,—most likely his father's. He gets rest, commodity, and reputation; but he shuts the door of truth. He in whom the love of truth predominates will keep himself aloof from all moorings and float. He will abstain from dogmatism, and recognize all the opposite negotiations between which, as walls, his being is swung. He submits to the inconvenience of suspense and imperfect opinion, but he is a candidate for truth, as the other is not, and respects the highest law of his being. —Emerson.

Auspicious Opening

THE opening of the Provincial Legislature yesterday was in auspicious circumstance. Brilliant sunshine and the breath of a fine March day enlivened the crowds of people, young, old and middle-aged, who came out to hear the band, witness the fine display of our militia and see the procession accompanying His Honor the Lieutenant Governor to the Provincial Building. There was not a word of complaint in the statement—even a ripple on the political sea, though there was evidently much interest in the proceedings and in the speech with which His Honor the Lieutenant Governor opened the session. His reference to the esteem in which Lord Byng is held in Canada and throughout the British Empire will, we feel sure, be appreciated by the patriotic people of this province and the "hearty welcome" which he anticipated for Viscount Willingdon and the Viscountess upon their arrival here will, we have no doubt, be realized in the event. The personal visit of His Honor to Ottawa and his invitation to the Vice-Regal pair to pay Prince Edward Island a special visit next autumn will also, certainly, be approved.

The program of legislation in the session of this year is quite lengthy and will profitably occupy the attention of the people's representatives. Agricultural Development is naturally and properly the subject for first consideration. In this direction much has been done in recent years; and much, of course, remains to be done. Measures are, it appears, to be adopted in respect to the production of fruit of improved quality; and it is hoped that technical subjects connected with agriculture will be taught the young. The campaign for the improvement of our dairy herds is to be continued and the importance of obtaining "choice foundation breeding stock" is to be emphasized. In this connection the advantage of freedom from bovine tuberculosis is evident; and the practical measures to that end adopted last year will certainly result in an improvement to be shown throughout the coming years—in better herds and increased receipts as a result of higher prices for animals and dairy produce.

The fisheries of this province, also, are, it appears, to receive some special attention. A course of instruction for fishermen is "being organized under a Federal Biological Board at Halifax." Three of our fishery inspectors have been in attendance at it; and the Government of this Province will endeavor, in co-operation with the Federal Department, to render this course of instruction available to our fishermen.

Our roads and bridges, too, are to receive special attention in the coming year. We are glad to note that "it is planned to continue and extend the use of gravel for highway surfacing," in view of increased motor traffic and heavy movements of produce in the Spring and Fall.

Altogether the Legislative program for this year is one with which it will be found difficult to find fault. It is extensive in a practical way. If, as we all hope, the Federal Government will fully implement the Duncan Report, and provide increased revenue for the Provincial Government in coming years, a great improvement in every necessary direction, will result to Prince Edward Island, from the adoption and application of the policy outlined in the speech delivered at the opening of the Legislature, yesterday.

In the interests of the Province it is to be sincerely hoped that the Government and Opposition will cooperate to carry it into effect. As the years roll by the folly of "playing party politics" in respect to Provincial affairs is becoming more and more apparent. The interests of the people of Prince Edward Island, those of the town and those of the country alike, are fundamentally one. Let us all unite to promote them in the practical way indicated in the speech at the opening of this Legislative session.

The Public Forum

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

FAIR TREATMENT TO PUBLIC MEN.

Sir,—My home is in Levis county, in the province of Quebec. As a citizen of that province I read with very much curiosity the editorial in the Star, Toronto, entitled "Men in Public Life." This editorial referred to Hon. Mr. Lapointe's speech at the Toronto banquet, and applauded vigorously his appeal (made, of course, in the interests of the nation, and not of himself) for better treatment of our public men.

I am sure Mr. Editor, if you had lived in the province of Quebec, as I have, through the last ten years, and knew the record of Mr. Lapointe in that province, as well as that of practically all his contemporaries, you would smile in derision at the appeal he advanced in the city of Toronto. There has not been an election in the province of Quebec, partial or general, in all these years, in which Mr. Lapointe has not equaled or excelled all others in the bitterness of his attacks and in the boldness of his misrepresentations. He attacked the Conservative leader for doing during the war, what the Star itself supported him in doing, and he did so by the most revolting methods, and has continued to do so, both by public speech and through the Liberal press of that province, continuously ever since. He has been the chief factor in the campaign which through three elections has driven the women voters to the polls in tears because they were told that the great object of Mr. Meighen's life was the slaughter of their sons.

This is the same Mr. Lapointe who now thinks it is in the interests of the nation that all Canadian public men should be treated as public men, and not as private citizens. He spreads the treatment over one year. The patient is given but two

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DAILY LESSONS IN ENGLISH

By W. L. Gordon

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Don't say "the pantry is handy to the kitchen." Say "convenient to." OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: privacy; i as in "ice" is preferred to i as in "it." OFTEN MISPELLED: stratagem. SYNONYMS: penalty, penance, retribution, forfeit, fine, legal punishment. 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: TIMOROUS: fearful of danger. "She directed a half timorous glance toward her father."

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

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THE TEACHABLE MAN:—What man is he that feareth the Lord? him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose. Psalm 25:12.

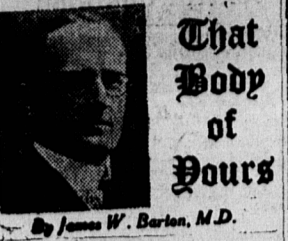
THE OLD SAILOR'S ADVICE

Whenever the seas are rough, boys, Whenever the waves are high, And the cheerful rays of the sun, boys, Give place to a lowering sky, Don't ever despair in your hearts, boys, Give place to a lowering sky, Don't ever despair in your hearts, boys, No prayer was ever in vain, Just stick to the tiller and play the game, Till the sun shines out again.

When trials and troubles assail you, girls, Whenever your hearts are sad, And the luck that follows your footsteps, steps, girls, ever had, Just think of the old man's voyage, girls, And keep to the course called Right. For God will surely keep you, girls, And lead you into the light.

No ship can sail o'er the ocean wave, No matter how frail it be, No sparrows can fall from its leafy spray, But the eye of God will see, His tender Heart abounds with the Of infinite charity, And His Holy Angels are always near, To comfort both you and me.

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS. ALL KIDNEY DISEASES. RHEUMATISM. BRIGHT'S DISEASE. DIABETES. BACKACHE. 1087 THE PRO...



By James W. Barlow, M.D.

LET NATURE DO THE HEALING

When a physician comes forward with a non surgical cure for a condition that has been depending upon surgery for the past twenty five years, and is able to exhibit cured patients, then the profession and everyone else is going to investigate same.

You are reading almost every day now about gastric ulcer and duodenal ulcer. They mean simply an ulcer of the stomach—gastric ulcer, and ulcer of first part of small intestine into which the stomach empties—duodenal ulcer. And the ulcer is exactly the same as an ulcer anywhere else in the body, a sort of wearing away, or eating away of a small portion of the lining wall of the stomach or intestine.

That some nervous element, hereditary perhaps, some emotional disturbance may be the first cause, is now admitted, but much remains to be learned about the causation of gastric and duodenal ulcer. Fortunately the symptoms are really clear cut. As outlined in the Lancet we find "pain in the stomach called hunger pain," of a burning grinding, or grating nature, occurring regularly two or three hours after meals. The pain is relieved by eating, but it returns two or three hours after meals, and after every meal. Dr. Arnott of London, Ontario, has been able to affect the cure of these ulcers by a simple but logical method. He spreads the treatment over one year. The patient is given but two

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Let Nature do the Healing. Meals a day, and these are placed by an, brown bread, raw fruits, and five to six hours apart. Absolutely berries with seeds. Nothing but water is allowed between meals. This is his general advice which he states will be sufficient for fifteen out of ten of these cases. It is the old story after all, giving Nature a real chance to do the healing. : Nearly all children are subject to worms, and many are born with them. Spare them suffering by using Mother Graves' Worm Expeller. However he forbids tea, coffee, wine, beer, overspiced foods, nuts, minator, an excellent remedy.

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