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NOT IN A HURRY

Our Liberal friends inform us with a bland smile that Premier King "is in no hurry" to reconstruct his cabinet. This recalls the case of a man who fell over a precipice but, fortunately, became entangled in some shrubbery a few feet from the jagged rocks below. He was in no hurry to move. If he moved the shrubbery would give way and that would be the end of it. So he lay still and waited till help came. This is the position in Ottawa today. There is one vacancy in the cabinet, made vacant by the resignation of Sir Lomer Gouin. The seat of the Hon. W. S. Fielding is neither vacant nor filled. It cannot be filled until it becomes vacant and it cannot become vacant until Mr. Fielding says so. Reading between the lines in Liberal comments on the subject it would simplify matters if Mr. Fielding should retire but, to the unfeigned and sincere hope of many Conservatives as well as Liberals, and to the ill concealed disappointment of certain cabinet makers, Mr. Fielding's health shows signs of decided improvement. In these circumstances any aspirations for the Finance Minister's seat must be held in check but it has been quite openly hinted that if the Progressives "come across" this seat may be placed at the disposal of one of them, possibly Premier Dunning. So Mr. Fielding's seat is in the market, as it were, and the price is Progressive support sufficiently strong to carry the government along through the session. But the Finance Minister's seat has been held in reserve for Mr. Mitchell of Quebec, the first lieutenant of Sir Lomer Gouin. Now that Sir Lomer is out of the way, Mr. Mitchell's grip on the seat is relaxing, yet the Quebec wing is likely to raise a howl if a Western Progressive should profane the seat promised to this favorite son of Quebec. Then Sir Lomer's seat is to be filled. The Progressives must be paid their price, otherwise the Liberal party will have nowhere to go but out. And there you are. Is it any wonder that Premier King is in no hurry to move? All he can do is to lie still, hold on to the shrubbery and wait for the Progressives to throw him a rope.

SHORT COURSE MEETINGS

The attention of our farmers is directed to the advertisement of the Short Course meetings now being held. The meetings during this week were well attended and the discussions of the various topics greatly appreciated. Next week's meetings in King's County will prove equally interesting and instructive. Farmers' institutes in communities for which arrangements have not yet been made should communicate at once with the Department of Agriculture so that necessary provision may be made for meeting places and dates.

FUR FARMING

The domestication of fur-bearing animals has become a great and thriving Canadian industry. It should not be forgotten in the as yet unwritten history of this great industry that it began with the domestication of silver foxes in Prince Edward Island and that the whole fur-farming industry, what-doubled and even quadrupled.

ever success it may yet attain, is due to the vision and the enterprise of two Prince Edward Islanders, Charles, now Sir Charles Dalton and Robert Oulton. From their modest efforts in the vicinity of Tignish has grown the whole business of domesticating fur-bearing animals, now one of the greatest industries in the world. A total of 16,604 silver foxes were born in captivity in Canada in 1922, 1,107 patch foxes, 495 red foxes, 376 Karakul sheep, 219 skunk and 248 mink. The total value of the property of fur farms in 1922 was \$7,790,104, comprising \$1,925,951 the value of the land and buildings, and \$5,864,153 the value of fur-bearing animals. When it is considered that the first serious attention paid by the Government to this industry was in 1912 and 1913, when the Commission of Conservation conducted an exhaustive inquiry into the possibilities of fur farming in Canada, this being the first time that what had been accomplished in this line justified such investigation, it may be realized how the fur-farming industry has grown. It is steadily increasing each year, becoming a greater economic factor in Canadian national life, and is due eventually to become an industry of relatively high importance in the Dominion.

THE MISCHIEF MAKER

The first mischief maker of whom we have any authentic record began business some six thousand years ago in a garden. His first experiment was with a woman whose guilelessness made her an easy victim, her mistake being that she paid any attention to him. Had she "thumbed her nose" to him and ignored him as most of her more sophisticated daughters of today do to those whose mischievous intention is apparent, nothing would have resulted from his impertinence and a good deal of the trouble that has since accrued would have been avoided. Because of the success attending this first experiment the mischief maker is still abroad in the land. He is to be found in every walk of life, in the social circle, in church and state. His purpose, as was that of his ancestor of the garden, is to deceive and to mislead by furthering his own interests by hindering those of others. Like his ancestor also, he is prepared to propagate his deception by falsehood and he is an adept in the use of that worst of all falsehoods, a half truth. The mischief maker is to be found in every community; once known, he is harmless as everyone knows his purpose and no one believes him. He is thenceforth ignored and unheeded and becomes incapable of further mischief.

OUR YEARLY HARVEST

According to an estimate made by the Department of Agriculture the harvest of this province for 1923, from land and sea was as follows: Field Crops \$19,250,000. Live Stock \$ 8,150,000. Dairy and Eggs \$ 1,753,000. Fisheries \$ 1,600,000. Foxes \$ 1,000,000. This harvest in all lines, but more especially in field crops and dairy products might easily be whole fur-farming industry, what-doubled and even quadrupled.

Notes By the Way

Premier Ferguson of Ontario, who resembles the late Premier Whitney in ability and frankness, has declared that the Farmers party will not be recognised as the official Opposition in the Legislature. This raises an interesting question as there are now 20 United Farmers and only 13 Liberals in the new House elected in June last. On the face of the situation there would seem to be fair ground for the larger of the two parties claiming to take rank and precedence.

On the other hand it is contended that the people of Ontario voted in condemnation of the group system and in favor of the return to the two-party system of representative government. There is little doubt that such a desire was present in the minds of many of the electors, but that can scarcely be claimed as the principal, or even a prominent issue in the contest. In the previous House there had been 44 United Farmers. These were reduced to 20 in the election of last June and at the same time the 27 Liberals of the former House were reduced to 13. The verdict was almost equally strong against Farmers and Liberals and in favor of Conservatives. Each of the defeated parties lost more than half its strength. It is true that Farmers' loss of 24 seats was larger than the Liberals' loss of 14, but that fact may not fully justify awarding the official leadership to a party of 13 men when another party of 20 men is in being and quite as squarely opposed to the government of the day.

Among the men prominently mentioned as likely to be shortly taken into the Federal Cabinet is Hon. Charles Avery Dunning, the Liberal Premier of Saskatchewan. He was born in England thirty-eight years ago. He came to Saskatchewan 22 years ago and took up farming at Beaverdale in that Province in 1903. He has since had an active and successful career in business and politics. He was made a director of the Grain Growers' Association in 1910, organized an elevator company in 1911 and was appointed Royal Commissioner to investigate agricultural right in 1913, and held various other official positions during 1916 when he was appointed Provincial Treasurer in the Martin Government. He was elected by acclamation then and was elected for Moosejaw County at the general election of 1917 and again by acclamation in 1921. He has held at various times the Ministry of Railways, Telephones, Agriculture, Provincial Secretary, Municipal Affairs and of Labor and Industries. He became Premier in April, 1922. A Presbyterian.

P. J. A. Gardin, M. P., has also been named as a possible new Minister of Marine to succeed Hon. Mr. Lapointe as Minister of Marine and Fisheries. He is of French Canadian birth, 45 years of age, a lawyer by profession, and was first elected to the House of Commons in 1911, was unseated and was re-elected the following year. He was re-elected at the general elections of 1917 and 1921 in the latter case by over 2,100 majority. There appears to be a strong rivalry between Quebec and the more Eastern Provinces as claimants for an office that has to do with the fishery and shipping interest. Both sections have undoubted claims, but the office was first held in the Maritimes under successive governments by Hon. Peter Mitchell, Sir Albert Smith, Hon. John Costigan, Sir George Foster and Sir Louis Davies.

Some months ago a great decrease in the number of members of the United Farmers of Ontario was recorded in the press. Now a like report comes from Alberta. There the decrease in membership is reported to be from 37,000 to 11,000, rendering it advisable to close the central office in Calgary and seek cheaper quarters in order to cut down expenses. It is alleged the political activities of the association are chiefly responsible for the decline in membership. The older parties are counting confidently on Premier Greenfield losing much support from among the farmers when the next general election comes round.

Eastern Liberals are being assuaged by despatches from Ottawa that Premier King will make no big concessions to induce Mr. Crerar to enter his cabinet. It will need more than a telegraphic message to convince the Maritimers in view of what happened in regard to freight rates last year. Mr. Crerar and the Progressives may be trusted to name their own terms and if they are not accepted Mr. Crerar will find excuses of business, or health, or private reasons for not joining the crew of a sinking ship. That is our guess. Not improbably Mr. Crerar may join on terms laid

The Public Forum

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion expressed by its correspondents.

MR. HYNDMAN'S REJOINER

Sir,—It was not my intention to make any further reply to Mr. Hughes, as I feel more disposed to close the discussion rather than continue a controversy. As Mr. Hughes, however, has asked me a direct question, as a matter of courtesy, I will deal with it, and then, as far as I am concerned, the matter ends. The question is as follows:—

"I wish to ask Mr. Hyndman, who refused to have the Car Ferry make an extra trip on Saturday the 17th November, or a special trip on Sunday the 18th November, to bring over the Refrigerator Cars from Tormentine, that were so urgently needed on the Island, why he did not order the Car Ferry to make an Official at Ottawa or Montreal?" Now as regards any request having been made for an extra or special trip on Saturday the 17th November, I will state, that no such request was made. The request of the Potato Growers' Association was only made on the afternoon of the 17th November, asking for a special trip of the Boat on Sunday the 18th November so that the Cars would be on the Island side and ready to go down the line on Monday morning. Now local Railway Officials have no authority to order the Car Ferry to make a special trip on Sunday and this can only be arranged by application to Mr. L. S. Brown, the General Manager of the Atlantic Division at Moncton. The Secretary of the Potato Growers' Association, Mr. Brown, applied by telephone to Mr. Brown on the afternoon of the 17th November, and was led to believe at the time that their request would be granted, though the special trip on Sunday did not materialize. If Mr. Brown ordered a special trip to be made, surely Mr. Hughes would not be the author of an official would undertake to countermand that order. As I pointed out in my previous communication, Mr. R. L. Wheeler, Manager of the Transportation Department of the C. N. R. at Ottawa, visited this Province in August last, and after thoroughly discussing the situation with the Secretary of the Potato Growers' Association, he was made familiar with the importance of the industry, and how much its success depended on a satisfactory transportation service. Mr. Wheeler undertook to give his personal assurance that the Association need not worry as to lack of Cars, and that he would guarantee that all the Refrigerator Cars necessary would be supplied to take care of the Association's requirements.

As I have, therefore, already pointed out, and as you have already pointed out, that the fault does not rest with local Officials in Prince Edward Island that sufficient Cars were not supplied, but with the Head Officials of the Canadian National Railway. There is only one thing today worrying the officials of the Potato Growers' Association as to its future, and that is, whether the Growers of our famous Seed Potatoes will be furnished with proper transportation facilities to meet their requirements. Without this assurance, its development and progress will be greatly curtailed.

I am, Sir, etc. J. O. HYNDMAN Charlottetown, P. E. I. January 10th, 1924.

down in a secret compact that will not be disclosed to the rank and file of the Liberal party until the leaders are good and ready to have it made public.

The utter failure of the King Government and the late Liberal Government here to do anything toward promoting immigration is illustrated by their joint action in the employment of Andrew Fraser Mitchell, now on trial in England.

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Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

NIGHT AND DAY

There is no beauty like the beauty of night. When the stars hang within that sea of blue. Miraculously lovely, God looks through. His eye the moon forever silver bright. Watching the earth bathed in cascades of light. How shall I name the ecstasy I knew On certain summer evenings when I flew Somewhere to regions far and infinite? Up one great starry path I seemed to go. Divinely drunk with joy; and on and on I passed beyond the glory of earth's white Reflection of the heavenly portico. There is no beauty like the beauty of night. Save when the heart looks up—and sees the dawn! By CHARLES HANSON TOWNE

Happenings of the Week

Rumors are again current of the probable betrothal of Prince George of Great Britain and Lady Alexandra Curzon.

The engagement of Lord Apsley, son and heir of Earl Bathurst, to Miss Viola Meeking, has been recently announced in England. Lord Apsley is a friend of the Prince of Wales. His mother, Countess Bathurst, is well known and popular in the north of Ireland. Countess Bathurst is the proprietor of the London Morning Post, and takes an active interest in its policy. Miss Meeking is well known and greatly liked in English society. Lord Apsley visited Canada with the Imperial press party in 1920, representing the Morning Post.

His Grace the Archbishop of Nova Scotia and Mrs. Worrell sailed from Halifax on Jan. 3rd for Bermuda and expect to be back home by Easter.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Murray entertained delightfully at a mixed Bridge last Saturday at their lovely home on Upper Prince Street.

General regret was expressed that Mrs. J. C. MacKeen's visit to Halifax for the holiday should terminate in an operation for appendicitis, and it is hoped she will soon regain her usual robust health.

The engagement of two popular young people Miss Florence Newbery to Major Frederick I. Andrews is being pleasantly discussed this week.

The many friends of Mrs. R. B. Norton regret to learn that she is again in the P. E. I. Hospital and hope that her stay this time is only temporary.

Mrs. J. J. McKinnon, Brighton entertained at Bridge last Saturday night in honor of Miss Lillian Wonnacott of Hunter River.

Miss Ruth Harris, daughter of Rev. Edward Harris of Mahone Bay is the welcome guest of Mrs. Harris, Brighton.

Prof. and Mrs. Fletcher entertained the choir of the Methodist church at a delightful dinner at the Russ on Thursday evening.

Mr. Graham Jardine was the guest of honor at a banquet in the Victoria Hotel on Tuesday evening in which was thoroughly enjoyed by the congenial company present. Mr. Jardine was also entertained on Wednesday by Dr. and Mrs. S. R. Jenkins at their home, prior to his leaving the city.

The Daughters of the Empire are busily engaged this week collecting for the Red Cross Society and so far have been quite successful.

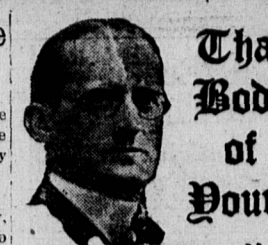
Mrs. Noel DeBlois entertained yesterday a miscellaneous shower yesterday afternoon in honor of Miss Florence Newbery, who was the recipient of a host of pretty and useful articles. Two little chaps Tommy DeBlois and Billy Tidmarsh dressed as Santa Claus assisted their part prettily drawing a sled into the drawing room on which was a Christmas tree loaded with gifts for the young bride-to-be. The opening of the dainty parcels afforded much merriment and was followed by afternoon tea. Mrs. Harry Miller presided over the tea table, charmingly arranged with a centre of white daffodils, and Mrs. (Dr.) Tidmarsh sat at the feet, assisting were Mrs. George DeBlois, Mrs. Arthur Bruce, Miss Alice Cox, Miss Dorothy Simpson and Miss Alice Peake.

The many friends of Mrs. (Dr.) Conroy are sorry to learn that she has been quite ill with blood poisoning.

Miss Eleanor Herrington, organizer of the Canadian Girl Guides was among the visitors here this week and her clear portrayal of the work has given a new impetus to the girls interested.

The joint meeting of the Women's Missionary Society presided over by Mrs. Ballingall, held yesterday afternoon in the Christian Church was largely attended and many splendid reports were given on the work of the past year.

Chain "Bridges" in aid of the Prince Edward Island Orphanage are popular just now, and many cosy social hours with a profitable result are being spent. Last Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Hooper Horne threw open her pretty home on Elm Avenue and auspiciously started a chain in which sixteen ladies participated. The guests of Wednesday will later entertain at two tables each and their guests at one table each and in this



By James W. Barton, M.D.

That Body of Yours

SELF CENTRED You are listening to an amusing monologue by a comedian when a burst of laughter near you attracts your attention. The audience laughs at the outburst, the comedian himself laughs and suggests to the audience that it might be good business to have this laughing party accompany him on his tour.

The said party continues the outburst of laughter at frequent intervals thereafter, despite the fact that the attraction at the time on the stage may be one of the least paths.

What is the trouble? Hysteria! And what is hysteria? No one has yet been able to describe it exactly, nor to give its cause.

In the ordinary attack there seems to be three distinct stages. First an unusual excitement, loud talking, laughing, sometimes even crying.

Sometimes a sort of general complaining about the world in general, and the way she is treated and misunderstood.

This is followed by convulsive movements of various kinds, and so bystanders often think that she is actually having a fit.

However, the outstanding feature is that despite all the writhings on the floor and the convulsive movements, the patient never injures herself.

This is in marked contrast to a real fit or epileptic seizure. This seizure is followed by extreme quietness, and often a little feeling of shame for the outburst.

Now what causes a person to behave in this manner? It has been found that they are usually people who are a bit hysterical anyway. Emotional kind of folks.

Another very noticeable point is that they are usually prone to think about themselves a great deal. Not exactly selfish perhaps, but their interests and their feelings are always first in their thoughts.

Later investigators are of the opinion that it is the repressing of certain emotions or desires that bring on the attacks.

It is really an affliction because they are usually cordially despised, or receive an overabundance of sympathy.

Are they often cured of this trouble? Yes, and usually by thoughtfulness and hard common sense on the part of the physician and other members of the family.

Not correcting them harshly, nor yet being too sympathetic, and an appeal to their best selves.

way quite a good sum is quickly realized for this worthy institution.

The popularity of the Chinese game Mah Jong is unbounded and has become almost a craze in the larger cities, at present many here are only just "catching on," but its devotees are growing and already several hostesses have held successful Mah Jong parties. The game was made the subject of a novel entertainment given recently at the Hotel Plaza, New York, which was in charge of Mrs. William Vanderbilt. Mah Jong was played with prominent members of society taking the place of the usual ivory figures in the Chinese game. It would be difficult to imagine a more picturesque scene than the "Mah Jong Ballet," in which thirty-two young women, elaborately gowned to represent the different figures, took part. They marched four at a time down broad steps from the stage, where they apparently made their home in a lovely Chinese pagoda. The floors of their abode were thrown open by two dice, in green costumes cut short as bathing suits. The orchestra played Chinese music and the colored lights were thrown on the figures in the game as they went through the motions of building and tearing down the Chinese wall in the centre of the ballroom floor. Each young woman carried an illuminated standard representing the figure which she interpreted in the finale.

HAPPY DAYS

In the down-hill of life when I find I'm declining, How sweet it will be for my mind to recall, The days of my youth that were spent in the village, That old town so dear to the heart of us all.

And the friends that were there then, new friends can't replace them. Though kind and good-natured they truly may be, So now if you'll listen, their names I will tell you. And when you have heard them I'm sure you'll agree, First John in his cabin so trim, Next Andy cozy, At any time ready to lend you a hand, With sewing or mowing or sticking the porkers.

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And all the while tell you of schemes he has planned. Then next tell us turn to our friend Jolly Jimmy. And hark to the thrice-thrilling tales he will tell. Or how when a lad in his teens he could master The crew of a schooner or mutineers quail. Now pull up your chair till I tell you of Robby, Who though nearly eighty is spry as an eel. Would after a day of hard work cutting timber, Think nothing of dancing an old-fashioned reel. In the scenes of my memory then comes Alexander, Who never was known to say nay to a friend, In tireless endeavor he helps all to better, Their chance of attaining that Glorious End. As we travel along we are met first by Samuel, Then Willie and Raymond who welcome us back With genuine hand-shakes, not tips of the fingers, And make us "at home" with an old fashioned "mack." Once again we go on and greeted by Daniel, Who though he is busy at work on his sleighs, Can always take time his old friends to make happy. By singing their songs of those golden old days. Now with such men as these and they aren't all here either, Our land's reputation is ever secured. So just a word more will I say in conclusion, When in need of a friend, call around to Mount Stewart, MACK A. RONI The best way to secure the repeal of a bad or obnoxious law is to rigidly enforce it. The government of Panama has refused to act favorably on a proposal that women be allowed to participate in the 1924 Presidential elections. The country girl is able to put one over on her cousin in at least one respect. According to statistics, the country and small-town girls marry at an earlier age on the average than do the girls who dwell in cities. Learn as if you were to live for ever—he as if you were to die tomorrow. DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS ALL KIDNEY DISEASES BRIGGS' DIABETES CURE 14087 THE PRO