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OUR NEW GOVERNOR GENERAL

Announcement has been official... Lord Byng is in his 59th year... The Duke of Devonshire...

They must also feel that in any matter now or hereafter... Lord Byng is in his 59th year... Mary Evelyn Moreton...

A GOOD APPOINTMENT.

The Summerside Journal says: Hon. A. E. Arsenault is receiving congratulations on all sides on his appointment to the P. E. Island Supreme Court Bench...

Current Comment

There is danger that too much of neglect will be shown by the people of this province to the road-making operations under our Highways Act...

Justice let us say that this is a pronouncement upon an unfinished work. And from these opinions, varied in some cases perhaps by political prejudices...

The building of a sixty foot roadway to answer a traffic which would be amply provided for by a fifty or even forty foot span constitutes an uncalled for waste of money in the construction of that excess of width...

Others View Points

Violets. (From the London Advertiser) "Where the violets gave the fragrant vale A blue embroidery..."

Every day of spring that dawns in blue and gold is an invitation to the woods. New leaves, breeze-stirred little changing shadows over the avenues, dandelion-dotted lawns...

KEEPING AFTER THEM.

The list of the draft evaders of Michigan, Illinois, and Wisconsin has been published and includes 17,000 names. A reward of \$50 is offered in each case for the apprehension of the evader.

practically level from side to side. A slight rounding all the way across not too sharp but sufficient to allow a free descent of water to the side drains...

Another matter in this connection, and the subject of considerable complaint is in the destruction of trees and shrubbery along the lines of improvement. Of course in these matters there will be unreasonable discontent...

Daily Selections Guardian Readers

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LESSONS OF LOVE

To see the world in a grain of sand And a heaven in a wild flower; Hold infinity in the palm of your hand And eternity in an hour. BLAKE

Serene will be our days and bright And happy our nature be; When love is an unerring light, And joy its own security. WORDSWORTH

OLD TIMER

Love will teach us all things; but we must learn how to win love: it is got with difficulty; it is a possession dearly bought with much labor and in long time; for one must love not sometimes only, for a passing moment, but always. There is no man who doth not sometimes love; even the wicked can do that. And let not men's sin dishearten thee; love a man even in his sin; for that love is a likeness of the divine love, and is the summit of love on earth. Love all God's creation, both the whole and every grain of sand. DOSTOEVSKY

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.

Whither Are We Drifting?

Sir.—After one hundred years in possession of full powers of self government as a province of the British Empire, Prince Edward Island made the bad bargain of 1873 and became a province of the Dominion of Canada.

The broken promises, the violation of the pledged faith of our Canadian rulers, dwarfed our growth and we have paid the penalty. It was by no fault of ours that for thirty years past our population remained stagnant or diminishing, while our sons and daughters sought homes in other lands.

So the bad bargain which we made in 1873 worked against us. And Dominion taxation proved to be much more onerous than the light burdens we had imposed upon ourselves when this was a sovereign province.

If the above recital reads like the language of complaint, there is just cause for it. And there is more to follow. One by one old time offices, powers and privileges essential to the conservation of our rights and prestige as a province, have been taken away, diminished or degraded.

The latest effort, as noted recently in these columns, was to abolish the office of Post Office Inspector in this province, now said to be limited to taking away of half his former powers and transferring them to a new official with headquarters at Moncton.

M. JAMES McISAAC, M. P. MAKES GREAT HIT.

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rent and capital, have been met and paid to the extent of \$695,809,700. That, I think, is a most gratifying feature of our present financial operations. It is one, that, perhaps, we would not be disposed to take very much note of; but it is one deserving of the greatest possible consideration; it is one that shows how carefully our finances have been guarded; how carefully every phase of our public business and fiscal operations have been taken care of by the Government and the Minister of Finance.

With regard to the financial operations of last year, no new loans have been issued, and I think that is a matter for congratulation. I think it is also a matter for congratulation that in view of the world wide trade conditions, Canada has come through this trying period with a better showing than most other countries. Our position in comparison with other countries of the world is really an enviable one.

Turning to the current year upon which we have just entered, the uncertainty is no doubt greater even than last year, especially as to the revenues of the country. There are many reasons for this. In the first place, the Finance Minister finds it very difficult accurately to forecast what the probable revenues may be. This uncertainty is due to several causes.

He feels satisfied, however, that the revenue from customs taxation will be somewhat diminished. Again, we have to take into account the tariff legislation which has just been passed by the United States. It is difficult to see just what the future holds in store in that direction; there may be some further legislation in this Parliament which may ameliorate present conditions, but so far as we can size up the present situation a diminished customs revenue is expected, and we have the Young Tariff Bill imposed against us as well as other countries by the United States so the situation this year presents considerable difficulty for the Finance Minister.

From ordinary sources the Finance Minister expects to raise unless all signs fall, a minimum of \$373,600,000. The main estimates for the year have already been tabled; there may be, however, some Supplementary Estimates brought down. Altogether, the Finance Minister calculates that a total revenue should be raised this year of at least \$435,360,971. The outlook, it must be confessed, is not the most encouraging, but I am satisfied that from the taxes the Finance Minister is imposing, together with the revenue we expect to receive from one or two other sources, we shall raise sufficient to enable us to make up the difference between our expenditure and our ordinary revenue.

There is, for instance, the new sales tax. There is no doubt at all that the revenue from that will be very much increased this year over last. Then there is the increase in the liquor duties, from \$5 to \$10 per gallon. Probably we shall not have any liquor in Canada at all now, because there is prohibition in nearly all of the Provinces. However, if any liquor is obtainable, those who drink will have to pay the price, and I suppose that is only right. Most

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