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Tuesday, July 1st, being Dominion Day and a statutory holiday, The Morning Guardian will not be issued on Wednesday morning. The Evening Guardian will not be issued on Tuesday, but will be published as usual on Wednesday afternoon. Advertisers please take notice.

THE OPPOSITION PLATFORM.

In following up our comments on the Liberal manifesto we can treat planks 2, 6, 11, 13 and 15 in part at least together:

No. 2.—The abolition of the War and Health Tax, being a reduction of revenue, affects all others. That is, first, reduce the general revenue and then, (No. 6) raise the school teachers' salaries; (No. 11) give generous financial assistance to the returned soldiers without money to do it with; (No. 13) make revenue and expenditure meet, by first reducing the revenue and then increasing the expenditures; and then (No. 15) give greater encouragement and assistance to fishermen; this also to be done after reducing the general revenue which is already too small.

Taken all together, it will be a wonderful performance; viz., first, lessen the income, then increase the expenditures as a plan to make revenue and expenditure meet.

We will, of course, hear that we must take into account the savings that are possible and that will be made when Mr. Bell obtains control.

Let us see what is the sum total of what they proposed in that direction when the estimates were being voted on. They challenged and divided the committee on every item in the estimates which they proposed to reduce or strike out entirely.

Following are the items and amounts of reduction: Crown Prosecutions in Magistrate's Courts,

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Items include Prof. of Agriculture, salary and expenses, Chief Health Officer, reduce, Mr. Newbery's salary, reduce, Mileage of members of executive, reduce, Miss McPherson's salary (Education office), reduce, School Inspectors' salaries, reduce in all, Mr. Landrigan's salary, school supply, strike out, Mr. Shaw, Chief Engineer's salary, strike out.

Total proposed reduction \$6,400

Thus, Mr. Bell's party proposes to reduce the expenditure \$6,400 a year and with that reduction they claim the War and Health Tax amounting last year to \$30,944.02, can be abolished notwithstanding that last year there was a small deficit as it was. At the same time they propose to give the teachers larger salaries, the soldiers more generous treatment, and the fishermen greater assistance and then, of course, make ends meet! But two of the items amounting to \$800, Crown Prosecutions, etc., and Executive Council mileage, are uncontrollable expenditures and cannot be reckoned on as a possible saving. Hence the pile of savings drops to \$5,600.

Dispensing with the services of a Secretary of Agriculture and closing the School Supply as part of this plan of economy are strange ideas in a progressive policy.

CROP PROSPECTS

It is as yet too early to indulge in predictions as to how the grain and root crops of the province will turn out, the weather and the potato bugs having yet to be reckoned with. The hay crop, however, is now assured independent of weather conditions, with the exception of the harvesting of the crop and this, judging by the past, may be looked forward to confidently.

Another of our already assured crops is fruit, particularly apples. The fruit has already set and there is promise of an exceptionally large crop. In this connection our orchardists will be well advised to give the apple crop every possible attention, for present indications are that apples will be a big price during the season. It is said that already the Nova Scotia and New Brunswick apple crop has been purchased by a large Canadian canning concern and the market will require every apple that can be marketed. With a little care the apple crop of this province could be made to yield many thousands of dollars. Heretofore only a few of our orchardists took sufficient care of their apples to make them fit for market and in consequence our Island apple crop has not acquired such a reputation in the market as would ensure a reasonable price. This year, with necessary care, every apple in the province can be sold at a good figure. Those growing apples would do well to make such arrangements as may be necessary with the local fruit men for a market, giving them necessary assurance of good quality and prompt delivery. These arrangements made early in the season should ensure a good market for all the apples we can produce.

LIBERAL-CONSERVATIVE PLATFORM.

At the West Prince Liberal-Conservative Convention at O'Leary yesterday, Premier Arsenault announced the party platform as follows:

Improvement of Educational System.—(a) Encouragement by higher salaries to teachers to induce them to remain longer in the teaching profession, thus insuring a more experienced class of teachers.

(b) Better grading in the Elementary branches, thus ensuring a good common school education.

(c) Further development in instruction in nature study and rural science branches.

(d) The expenditure of the Dominion Grant for technical education in establishing at some centre or centres a school or schools for instruction in agriculture, fishing trades, and other occupations.

Agriculture.—1. Continuation and expansion of the policy of furnishing an adequate supply of mussel mud fertilizer.

2. Encouragement towards the selection, and standardization of farm produce, thus establishing a reputation for the agriculture products of this province in order to obtain the highest market prices.

3. The promotion of the movement of securing pure bred cattle, sheep, swine and other live stock.

4. The underdraining and reclaiming of the low lands of the province, so insuring yearly crop.

5. Further development and encouragement of School Fairs.

6. Opening of Domestic Science schools in Prince and Kings Counties, such as has been opened at Charlottetown.

Transportation, Highways and Public Works.—1. (a) Continued and insistent demand that the standardization of the Prince Edward Island Railway be continued until completion.

(b) Continued demand for a Second Car Ferry Boat to insure adequate carrying facilities for the transportation of freight, passengers and mails across the Straits, and to insure the province against any accident to the Ferry "Prince Edward Island."

(c) Additional transportation facilities across the Straits at Charlottetown, Summerside and other parts, and steamship connection with Boston, Montreal, Quebec, Newfoundland and Magdalen Islands.

2. (a) Survey and classification of our roads into main highways, feeders and by-roads and to ascertain grades for drainage purposes.

(b) Thorough ditching and building up of our roads and coating same with gravel or other suitable material.

(c) The building of permanent culverts and bridges, thus avoiding yearly expense of renewal and repair.

(d) The use of modern methods and machinery in the building and keeping in repair of highways.

Employment for the Laborer and Establishment in Civil Life of Returned Men.—1. Co-operation with cities and Towns in the province in the use of the Dominion Grant for Housing, thus giving employment to carpenters, plumbers, plasterers and others and with a view of improving housing and hygienic conditions for the laborer and artisan.

2. A continued effort in the placing of returned men in lucrative positions and employment and in establishing them in civil life.

3. Supervision over returned men who have purchased farms, and assistance in the grading and marketing of their farm products.

4. Continued co-operation with the Labor Bureau, Land Settlement Board, Provincial Department of the Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment, the Pension Office and with the provincial branch of the Great War Veterans' Association and the Ladies' Auxiliary thereof, in all matters pertaining to the welfare of our returned men.

Development of Provincial Public Utilities.—1. Subsidizing of Rural Telephone Companies with a view of establishing telephone communications with all sections of the province.

2. The appointment of a commission under the Telephone Enquiries Act, 1919, for the purpose of inquiring into and the adjustment of existing grievances.

3. Co-operation with the Dominion Water Powers Branch to have the streams of the province tested for water power development purposes.

Fishermen and Sailors.—1. Continued persistence in urging the Dominion Department of Fisheries towards education and assistance to the fishermen such as has been afforded the farmers of Canada.

2. Co-operation with the Prince Edward Island branch of the Navy League for the instruction and qualification of our young men to fit them as officers in the Mercantile Marine and in the Navy.

Claims Against Dominion Government and Provincial Rights.—1. Claims filed in 1912 and 1913 including among others: (a) Adjustments of our subsidy for want of public lands as was done for Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta; (b) Compensation for School Lands, part of the public domain given to the Prairie Provinces; (c) Compensation for the lands of Canada in which we had a partnership interest and divided between Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec.

2. The right of the province to representation in the Dominion Cabinet.

3. The right of the province to representation on the Canadian National Railway Board.

NOTES.

The League of Nations, according to President Wilson, is the "child of the Great War," but we observe no great competition to claim paternity for it.

It is said that food prices have dropped in New York. At that rate, there should be hope for lower prices in Charlottetown by Christmas.

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CARE OF IGNITION CIRCUITS

Watch The Primary Connections And The Secondary Insulation

Ignition circuits are of two kinds, the primary and the secondary. The former is the circuit which comprises the battery, ignition switch, the coarse wire winding of the spark coil, the timer contacts and the wiring necessary to connect them. The latter circuit comprises the fine wire winding of the spark coil, the distributor with its rotating brush and contact segments, the cables from the distributor segments to the several cylinders and the spark-plugs located therein. In the primary circuit a current of low pressure, usually of about six volts, which the secondary circuit carries a very high pressure (high tension) current, often thousands of volts. Because of its low pressure, the primary current requires but a very slight obstruction to stop its flow. A loose or dirty connection at a wire end will do it. On the other hand, it has little power of escaping from its circuit and thus comparatively slight insulation will keep it from short-circuiting. The secondary current, on the contrary, is not affected by loose or corroded connections and will even flow through a practically undiminished, through a slight break in a wire, but it has the power of jumping a considerable distance and where a "short cut" offers, it is likely to do so and fail to reach the spark-plug. It is evident from the above that the principle requirement in caring for the two circuits of an ignition system lies in keeping the primary circuit from becoming interrupted and keeping the secondary circuit so well insulated that a short-circuit cannot occur. In the primary, every inch of wire must

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THE BLUEBIRD

I know the song that the bluebird is singing, Out in the apple tree where he is swinging. Brave little fellow! the skies may be dreary— Nothing cares he while his heart is cheery.

Hark! how the music leaps out from his throat! Hark! was there ever so merry a note? Listen awhile, and you'll hear what he's saying. Up in the apple tree swinging and swaying.

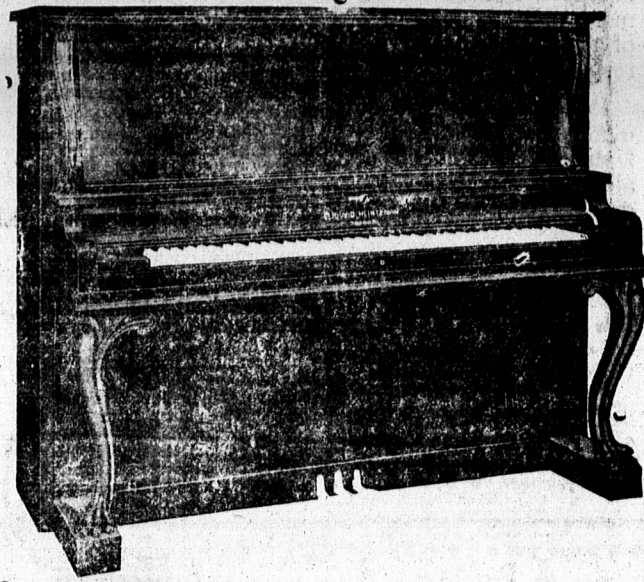
"Dear little blossoms down under the snow. You must be weary of winter, I know; Hark while I sing you a message of cheer! Summer is coming and springtime is here!"

"Little white snowdrop! I pray you arise; Bright yellow crocus! come open your eyes; Sweet little violets hid from the cold, Put on your mantle of purple and gold; Daffodils! daffodils, say do you hear? Summer is coming! and springtime is here!" —Emily Huntington Miller.



Folks who like good eats, like POST TOASTIES says Bobby

be free from breaks, every wire end must be clean and firmly secured to its binding post, the switch must have no dirt or loose contacts, the timer points must be free from corrosive and the ground connection must be secure. In the secondary, every inch of wire must be heavily insulated and kept free from grounded parts, the distributor must be free from dust and oil and the spark-plug insulation clean of soot and oil. It is useless to spend time cleaning plug points and tightening cable connection to the plugs, with fliers, dirt and looseness are of no account there. Keeping the plug porcelain clean and thus avoiding short-circuiting is the important matter. Keep Minard's Liniment in the house



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