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## THE BY-ELECTIONS

There are five vacancies in the Provincial Legislature and the government has announced its intention of filling them before the legislature meets.

We agree with the Patriot that it is desirable that the by-elections should take place as soon as possible but few will agree with it that any more of them should be filled by Bill Liberal. Nor will any one take any stock whatever in the Patriot's effusions about the "demoralized" condition of the finances of the province before the last election and the great salvation effected by the election. This was the kind of bunkum dished out by the Patriot and by Liberal candidates before the last election. The one great thought which will guide the people in filling the present vacancies is that the Bill candidates broke every promise made by them before the election and we believe nine-tenths of the people are of this opinion. As to the government's expenditures during the past year the people know nothing for they have been told nothing. That many miles of road have been fixed up they know. As to the rest they know nothing. Let the elections be held by all means and as soon as possible; the people will be the judges.

## A SPIRIT MYSTERY

The public are awaiting with considerable curiosity an explanation of the mysterious disappearance of some five hundred dollars worth of whiskey from under the nose of government officials at Summerside. From first to last the history of this affair has bordered on the uncanny. In the dead of night a mysterious sleigh with a mysterious load was intercepted on the highway leading into Summerside by an officer of the law; the mysterious load was placed for safe keeping in a cell in the Prince County Jail and locked up. Shortly afterwards it was discovered that part of the incarcerated stuff had disappeared notwithstanding the fact that the door was locked. The remainder was removed to another cell and locked up and more of it disappeared. There was still

a remnant and to make assurance doubly sure this remnant was placed in the vault of the Prothonotary where behind a combination lock it was supposed to defy all the spirits of earth and air and water. Yet even out of this security the remnant disappeared entirely leaving not even an empty bottle or wooden container to tell the story. This is the story current in Summerside and this is all the explanation so far vouchsafed to the public. It is understood that the Attorney General held an official investigation of the facts—which was all that remained but so far he has not taken the public into his confidence.

If it is true that five hundred dollars worth of government property has been spirited away through the locked doors of an institution built for the safe housing of thieves, murderers and other lawbreakers; if it be true that even a portion of this property has coolly walked out from behind the combination locks which are supposed to guard court and other valuable documents, it is surely time that some explanation was given to the public. In the interests of science alone at a time when the mysteries of spiritism are engaging so much attention the public should at least be informed as to the truth or falsehood of the story.

A characteristic attempt was made by the Patriot to place the onus of the importation of this consignment upon Conservative workers in Prince County but it has maintained a significantly silence since the connection between Bell government officials and the disappearance has become public property. Indeed our esteemed contemporary has maintained a discreet silence about another mysterious but somewhat similar disappearance which is said to have occurred in Charlottetown on the day before the election.

Notwithstanding the Patriot's silence however the public are entitled to some light on the Summerside mystery and as the Attorney General has obtained, or tried to obtain, the facts, it is only fair that he should divulge what he has discovered.

## Others' View Points

### AN OVERSIGHT

(Vancouver Province)  
Had Marshal Foch on his arrival in America been presented with a skeleton key that would admit him to the freedom of any city he visited it would have saved him the trouble of carrying around a bunch of civic hardware.

### BARON ATHOLSTAN

(Quebec Chronicle.)  
What worlds are left for a man who has accomplished the unique feat of receiving knighthood under Laurier and a peerage under Borden, to sigh for anyway?

### THE EXTREMISTS.

(Woodstock Sentinel Review)  
Sir Edward Carson is very sore about the Irish settlement. He says he never expected such humiliation for Ulster from the British Government. But is there no consolation for him in the fact that the Gaelic American of New York describes the proposed settlement as "a dishonest, sordid political ruse" and declares that the only hope is that "the young fighting men of the South may refuse to be delivered?"

### A New Treasure Mystery.

(New York Herald.)  
The bandit and highwayman, Tom Slaughter, who was killed a few days ago after he had escaped from the Arkansas State Prison, added by his death another mystery of hidden wealth to the ten thousand or more already in existence, which have been for years puzzling the treasure hunter. According to a local insurance man of Pine Bluff, Arkansas Slaughter left \$102,500 in securities, his share of the loot from bank robberies. He had it safely hidden, but he had promised that he would reveal the place of concealment before his execution, so that the securities could be returned to the banks. His escape, however, and his death at the hands of fellow convicts sealed his lips. But it develops that Slaughter himself did not know where his loot actually was.

The stolen securities were not buried in an iron pot or an oak chest as a hidden treasure of tradition should be. They were all packed away in an automobile tire. As Slaughter had done the hiding himself and had trusted no one with his secret, he did not take the trouble to make any concealment of the tire. According to an Arkansas report, the tire continued in use on an old automobile in which Slaughter made some of his forays until one night it was stolen, and all trace of tire and car was lost.

The puzzling question then, says a north Arkansas paper, all along the valley of the Arkansas River, up in the hills of the Ozarks and along the south Missouri border is, who has the tire with \$102,500 in negotiable securities packed away

in it. The new government have made many complex promises to the people, and it is the time honored function of the opposition to see to it that those pledges are in some measure implemented. It is because of the complexity of those promises that the Liberals already foresee trouble, and are trying to enlist the sympathy of the Conservatives in advance so that they will not be subject to the criticisms that their record will naturally visit upon them.

## Daily Selections for Guardian Readers

From the collection of the late Mr. W. S. Louson

### FOR CHRISTMAS OLD MAN

I won't send you cigars you don't need 'em,  
You smoke too darn much anyhow.  
Or a flock of Ford cars you might speed 'em  
And maybe kill somebody's cow.  
If I send you a gem, you might flash it  
And friend foot-pad would put out your light  
If I wrote you a check you might cash it  
And I'd sleep in Jail Christmas night.  
But a good wish will always hold steady  
And here are a million or two  
That this is the best Christmas season.  
Old man that you just every knew.

DEAR FRIEND  
In taking inventory at the close of the old year I find I have several friends left and you are one of the best of them. So I marked you up 100% per cent and intend to keep you in stock not only during the New Year, but forever if you will let me. Happy New Year.  
EVER YOUR FRIEND

## 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.

### INSULT RESENTED

Sir—It stirred my Irish blood with indignation to read in the Patriot of Tuesday evening last a malicious and vitriolic attack upon the late Chief Justice Sir Willard Sullivan, a worthy Irish gentleman who was the peer of any man in this Island.  
I have given many Liberal votes, as you know, but if I had a thousand votes to cast in the coming by-elections, not one of them would be given to the party whose chief organ thus slurs and smircaes the character and the memory of one of Nature's Noblemen.  
I am, Sir, etc.,  
December 21st.

IRISH BLOOD.  
in its innards? Here is a mystery such as never before confronted a treasure hunter and one which will test Arkansas ingenuity in research in the highest degree.

Captain Kidd's hoard, it is generally accepted, was buried somewhere along the Atlantic coast and Pirate Lafitte's in some secluded cove of the Mexican Gulf, the James brothers' loot was cached in the Oklahoma mountains and the Cocos millions are somewhere in a clearly defined small island of the Pacific. In no mystery is there such a complete lack of key or clue as there is regarding Thom Slaughter's loot. It has not even a shadow of location. It may be buried in any pile of old tires, it may be still revolving, a floating prize, anywhere to the broad land. A more provoking situation for the treasure hunter following the ancient rules and traditions of his craft never before arose.

### CANADA SHOULD DEVELOP ITS INDIVIDUALITY

TORONTO, Dec. 20.—"If we are to take our place in the scientific world, we must have a well educated public which demands that scientific ideas which the scientist conceives in his laboratory, are properly developed, applied and maintained," said Sir Robert Falconer, addressing the members of the Board of Trade on the forthcoming meeting in Toronto of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.  
"The only way we can make progress is to develop our own individuality as a country. To be a little different should be our aim. We should not be content to follow the lead of the other countries. We should take the initiative ourselves."

### C. P. R. WORKSHOPS IN THE WEST TO CLOSE

WINNIPEG, Dec. 20.—Notice was posted in the Canadian Pacific Railway Company's shops at Weston yesterday, that the shops, where about 1800 men are employed, will close Thursday, December 15, and remain closed until January 4. It is said this is the longest period of idleness ever ordered for these shops.

## STOCK QUOTATIONS

HALIFAX, Dec. 21.—(Quotations furnished by Johnson and Ward members of the Montreal Stock Exchange.)

Atch.	92 1/2
Alb.	143 1/2
Alc.	99 1/2
Ar.	44 1/2
C.	47 1/2
Can Pac.	120 1/2
Can.	73 1/2
Cns.	63 1/2
Cp.	65 1/2
Ip.	52 1/2
Kp.	42 1/2
Mex Pac.	113 1/2
Mpr.	64 1/2
Rg.	73 1/2
Sp.	79 1/2
Stu.	80 1/2
U.P.	125 1/2
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FANCY SHIRTS—Nothing nicer for a gift. We are showing this Christmas some very hand-some shirts in Percales and Madras Cloths made by the best makers. Prices, \$1.15, \$1.50 \$2.00 up.

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