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SUMMER VISITORS.

The summer, now nearing its lapse into autumn, has not been as favorable for tourists as might have been wished, yet there have been many visitors and more are yet coming. We learn much from our visitors, particularly about ourselves, and, as it is the desire of our people to make our island as attractive as possible both for our visitors and ourselves, one of the principal things to learn from them is how our customs compare with those of other places. By this means we may appreciably come nearer to the great injunction which is the chief corner stone of wisdom, "know thyself," or as our great Scottish bard and teacher expressed it, "see ourselves as others see us."

We are credited by at least many of our visitors with hospitality, friendliness, pride in our country, and climate. Many of them quite agree with us that Prince Edward Island is a land of plenty, of beautiful scenery, pleasant drives, and excellent bathing facilities and in short practically everything that goes to make an ideal holiday resting resort. There is general agreement on this point. Our hotels, big and little, are credited with excellent accommodation, good meals and moderate prices. On this also there is general agreement.

There is one point, however, upon which our visitors comment somewhat critically and it is a criticism also upon which our citizens will agree with them, namely, the inequality of, often the excessive charges for automobile service. This, and particularly the latter, has been very severely commented upon. Visitors to Charlottetown want to see as much of the province as possible. There is no way in which this can be done except by automobile. Those of them who have friends here or who make friendships while here are generally able to take advantage of this friendship and enjoy free of cost and freely offered many automobile drives. Those who are not so fortunately situated, and they are the great majority, find our automobile charges in very many cases excessive.

To people accustomed to taking long drives on much better roads than ours at a very moderate cost, our charges appear not only excessive but, to strangers, a process of "bleeding," which they regard with much more aversion than the spending of the money. A visitor, while voicing this complaint, informed us that in the crowded city of New York a comfortable seven-passenger car can be hired at one dollar per hour. This matter requires regulation. We must in any case avoid the reputation of being "sharks" and of "bleeding" strangers. The trouble appears to be that we have no fixed regulations. In every other city in Canada and the United States, taxi fares are regulated by civic laws and the fares are posted in the taxi, so that there can be no overcharge. This should be done here at once, for the city by the city council for the province, by the provincial government.

Our laws some of them at least, although framed for the protection of the subject, have some peculiarities which may or may not be in the best interests of those whose interests they are supposed to guard. A man is injured in a building, say, through some neglect or carelessness of the owner or through faulty construction of the building. He recovers damages commensurate with his injuries and with the time he loses. If he is killed his dependents recover damages. If he meets a man on the street or elsewhere and the latter beats him up and inflicts injuries which will lay him up for weeks or months, involving the expense of hospital and medical treatment, his assailant is heavily fined or imprisoned or both; the city or the province appropriates the fine and the injured man pays his own expenses. A man may be attacked by a vicious dog and have his coat torn into uselessness, then have the owner of the dog haled to court. The dog, having proved itself a public nuisance is ordered to be killed; its owner is heavily fined for harboring a nuisance; the city or the province absorbs the fine but the owner of the coat must buy him a new one at his own expense.

As a revenue producer the law is a good one, but a revenue-hungry city or province might be constrained to encourage assaults or the keeping of vicious dogs in order that it might swell the revenue, but to the ordinary subject who is liable to attack the procedure seems to be somewhat lopsided.

RULE OF THE ROAD.

Prince Edward Island is now in the unique position of having a "rule of the road" different from that of any other province in Canada or in its next door neighbor, the United States. From every point of view the Prince Edward Island

rule is the correct one, and was so regarded until the United States adopted the present method of driving to the right in order to have a different rule from that in Great Britain. Each of the States and, later, each of the Canadian provinces except Prince Edward Island adopted the new rule, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick coming in last and Prince Edward Island still to follow.

The drive to the left was adopted in the days of wheeled vehicles the driver sitting on the right side of his carriage, his right arm unencumbered and he in a position to gauge the distance of his wheels from those approaching him. It was and still is the natural position to occupy in the carriage.

Automobiles, when first introduced, were built with the steering wheel where it should be and where the wheelman should be on the right side and automobiles, like the carriages drove to the left. The innovation above mentioned followed and now the drive to the right is the rule for horseless and horse-drawn carriages.

Right or wrong, Prince Edward Island must follow suit and the sooner the better. Persons accustomed to driving to the right, as all our visitors are, cannot readily adapt our method nor can persons from this province when visiting elsewhere, readily fall in with the custom of the country they visit, which is the direct opposite of their own. As a result accidents are almost sure to happen both here and elsewhere unless we fall in with the uniform system. "My son John" may have had the correct idea in marching but when he was "the only one in the regiment who kept step," it made an awkward situation and left him open to reprimand from his captain, although he had the entire approval of his admiring mother.

OUR LAWS.

Very helpful to Conservatives was Mr. Meighen's review of present political conditions and prospects throughout the Dominion, beginning with British Columbia, there is there good evidence of bright prospects ahead. Alberta and Saskatchewan are unfortunately yet committed to the delusion of class legislation and promises little support to either of the two old parties. In Manitoba the Conservative party is strong in public men. In Ontario the people have just now spoken in a most emphatic way their return to the Conservative fold. By-elections in Ontario and in Nova Scotia alike sound the death knell of the King Government.

In Lanark, Ont., a Conservative majority was doubled in 1922. In North Essex a Liberal majority of 7,145 at the general election was reduced to 1,057. Then came the great Conservative sweep in the provincial elections of Ontario. And then came the federal by-election in Cape Breton where a Liberal majority of 3,339 obtained in 1921 was reduced to 632. The provincial election in Prince Edward Island with the overwhelming defeat of the Bell Government has followed swiftly. What better evidence could be asked for or given of the great reversal of political opinion in Canada since 1921?

The Liberal Conservative party was defeated in 1921 after ten years of able and faithful administration during a most trying period of our history. But they fell with honor with no stain upon their record. They fell to rise again, stronger than before in the public confidence, and even stronger for having suffered a temporary reverse. All present indications point to an early return to power of the grand old party which keeps its pledges and has never deceived the country. The people want leaders that they

Notes By The Way

The visits of our federal party leaders to Prince Edward Island have hitherto been rather few and far between. Mostly they have come to us in the stir and bustle of exciting Dominion elections, when the majority of the electors had already made up their minds as to how they would vote and were perhaps less open to conviction than at other times. Mr. Meighen, the Conservative Chief, has come in the comparative quiet of the mid-parliamentary term nearly two years after the last federal election. It was a good time in which to get a calm and earnest hearing free from party bias which dominates the many when the day of voting is at hand.

The Conservative Leader is an eminently sincere and thoughtful man. He is also indisputably one of the ablest statesmen who has yet led a political party in Canada. His message was delivered in words of truth and soberness, and never had a political leader a more intelligent, earnest and discriminating body of hearers than those who listened to him with rapt attention during his two addresses delivered in Charlottetown. Their appreciation was abundantly attested by the hearty and repeated applause which his address called forth.

Mr. Meighen had no new political gospel to proclaim or expound. The grand old Conservative party stands where it did forty years ago—firm on the policy of protection for Canadian industry and production. That policy has been attacked and assailed by Liberals and so-called Progressives for years past as it was opposed in the beginning, but its opponents when in power in the Laurier days or under the feeble regime of Mackenzie King have been forced to imitate it and to give the Dominion a higher customs tariff and higher general taxation than the Conservative party had ever yet proposed.

The Conservative leader's vindication of his public policy was clear and convincing. His exposure of the deception practised upon the people by Messrs. King and Fielding in the campaign of 1921 and their treacherous desertion of their platform after they came to power was scathing and merciless. All who heard Mr. Meighen's address must have been convinced that the one political party which had kept faith with the people and had remained true to its trust is the Conservative party, which from the beginning has also been pre-eminently the party of progress and had led the way in all the really big things so far achieved in Canada.

Can trust and those who know Rt. Honourable Arthur Meighen have confidence in his ability and his integrity.

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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.

Is This Fair

Dear Sir,—I had the pleasure of taking part in all the matches of the P. E. I. Rifle Association at its annual meet a few days ago, and was fortunate enough to win the prizes in each individual match, team matches, ladies challenge and Ottawa aggregate. I may say that I asked the proper authority what chance there was for me to get a free pass to Ottawa to take in the annual shoot there commencing Monday 13th. The answer was, you are over military age, and on that account, no pass. In looking over the list in this morning's Guardian I observe the name of a man going who, I contend, has no right whatever to a free pass. He is a P. E. Islander all right, at present only a transient visitor, a member of no unit. I think over military age, and if my information is correct a U. S. citizen. I think my claims for a free pass were stronger than his, how many men over military age had free passes this year, last year, and the year before? I know of several.

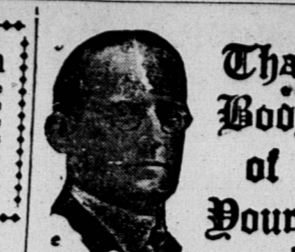
I am, Sir, etc. E. G. LOVE.

THE CONSERVATIVE SWEEP THE HARVEST SCOOP NET AND A FEW POINTED PARAGRAPHS

Sir,—I walked past the Boston Daily Globe office on the afternoon of July 27th and I noticed the following grateful news on the bulletin board. "Conservatives make a clean sweep on P. E. I." "J. D. Stewart takes every seat in King's County." I am very sorry for the good people of King's County if they will have to sit on barbed wire for the next four years. In my letter of July 4th I told your readers that Capt. John H. Bell and his disloyal crew had already met political death as a result of their unfaithfulness towards the people of P. E. I. I am pleased to know now that Mr. J. D. Stewart and his loyal shipmates gave those incompetent members a decent Christian burial on July 26th.

The result of this election, while gratifying to many and disappointing to a few, clearly proves that the people of P. E. I., as elsewhere are not wholly controlled by any political party. The day of party fealty is fast disappearing with each new crop of votes, and, if we can only peer into the future, we can easily see that for the next four years the new broom in the busy hands of women voters will be ever ready to remove any cobwebs that may gather under the new administration, and, if this new party in power shows any signs of sleeping sickness, the women can use the broom to good advantage. The new aspirants to political fame have now a splendid opportunity to prove to the people at large their capacity for wise legislation that will be of benefit to the farmer, providing their vanity bumps don't expand to the extent that they will ignore entirely the just demands of the electorate. James D. Stewart is inherently honest. He is intensely interested in the progress and future welfare of your whole Island. He is upright and square in his dealings with all classes of people. He has had a wide experience in the legal and political affairs of your whole Province. He is learned in his profession, which is a valuable asset in leadership. He has a wonderful capacity for calm reasoning, which combined with his natural gift of diplomacy, should carry him safely over the unsafe bridges of the late unlamented "Bell Government."

When you have a man possessing such necessary qualities in leadership, it is then the duty of all, irrespective of creed or party, to co-operate with him in every move that has for its purpose such



BY JAMES W. BARTON, M. D.

HOT CLOSE DAY OF SUMMER.

Perhaps you have often wondered why some days seemed so close and hot and yet the weatherman's report showed a temperature not much higher than normal for the time of year.

Well, you've often heard of humidity and understood that it was the moisture in the air.

This as you know prevents your sweat glands giving off as much moisture to the air, as the air has already about all it can carry. And so you have felt rather indignant toward that fellow "humidity."

Now ordinarily he is a good fellow because he forms a nice moist blanket of the air about you. This is good for your skin, keeping it moist and pliable. It is good for regulating the heat of the body as it does not let you lose heat too rapidly when such loss might be serious to your whole body mechanism.

But what about the wind? It is really the cause of heat loss. You want it in the summer because this moist envelope is all about you, and the wind disturbing it permits your body to rid itself of some heat. The wind then is a good friend in the summer.

What about the winter? Not so good. You see, this moisture in the air is regulating body temperature by not allowing you to lose heat too rapidly. Along comes the wind on one of those damp days in winter and you are "chilled to the bone" because your heat regulation is disturbed.

Don't blame humidity for the discomforts of the close hot day in summer or on the cold day in winter. It is the wind really. Because it falls to come in the summer when you want it, and does come in the winter when you don't want it.

Daily Selections

FOR Guardian Readers

THANK GOD FOR FOOLS.

Thank God for fools—for men who dare to dream Beyond the lean horizon of their days:

Men not too timid to pursue the gleam To unguessed lands of wonder and amaze.

Thank God for fools. The trails that ring the world Are dark with blood and sweat where they have passed, Theirs are the flags on every crag unfurled; Theirs—ashes and oblivion at last.

Blundering, fumbling up the frowning years; Stumbling through deeps too foul for moon or star; Hearing—and heeding not—the scoffs, the jeers Falling at last while yet the goal was far.

Poor ragamuffin heroes, doomed to fail And leave their bones beneath ironic skies.

Their never knew their wandering blazed the trail, Their blunders taught their wisdom to the wise!

Thank God for fools—absurd and blind and great, We rear our temples on the stones they laid, Ours is the prize their tired souls might not wait; Theirs—the high requiem of the unafraid.

—Ted Olson, in Forbes Magazine.

Kensington Fire

You have read of the narrow escape from destruction this town had a few days ago. Do you suppose the property there was adequately insured? A conflagration is liable to break out in any town at any time. It is better to be sure than sorry, so why not insure with

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