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A NEW EXCUSE

Mr. C. G. Duffy, one of the Liberal representatives for Charlottetown at the Corran Ban Meeting Friday night, explained the smallness of the amount of poll tax paid in Charlottetown by stating that "there was a clause in the act exempting the laboring men."

THE UNACCEPTED CHALLENGE

If a merchant in Charlottetown, issued a statement showing his actual receipts in the middle of the year, just after he had laid in his supplies and paid for them and before he had collected his bills, the result would show him to be enormously in debt.

WHAT THE DEBT SHOWS.

One of the stock arguments used by the Liberals before and since they came into power was that while the Conservatives were in power they were continually increasing the debt of the province, whereas the Liberals have always been producing surpluses and reducing the debt.

increased until 1915 when extraordinary war expenditures were added.

It will also be observed that no trace of the alleged deficit of 1919 is to be found in the net debt for 1920 when its effects, if any, would naturally be felt.

Another fact which these figures reveal is that notwithstanding the "era of yearly surpluses" inaugurated by the accession to power of the Bell Government, the net debt of the province grew from \$1,101,717 in 1920 to \$1,354,846 at December, 1922.

In these yearly figures the uncollected taxes and cash assets are deducted from the gross amounts as shown in the External Auditors' statements.

Table with 2 columns: Year, Amount. 1911, December 2 ... \$1,008,242.93; 1912, December 31 ... 1,003,530.13; 1913, December 31 ... 977,514.22; 1914, December 31 ... 921,377.58; 1915, December 31 ... 1,026,227.51; 1916, December 31 ... 1,010,133.53; 1917, December 31 ... 1,002,342.12; 1918, December 31 ... 1,006,991.71; 1919, December 31 ... 1,121,437.23

Prepared by Provincial Auditor.

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DUTY OF ELECTORS

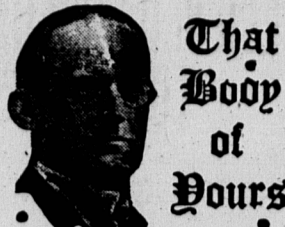
It is the duty of every elector, man or woman, to cast their vote at every election, municipal, provincial or federal. It is a sacred duty and one which no patriotic citizen should neglect.

Every man and woman of voting age has formed an opinion, we trust an informed opinion, as to the relative merits or demerits of the respective parties. There are two parties and two only; the record of each, individually and collectively, is known and every elector has or ought to have, sufficient knowledge of each to enable him or her to cast their ballots intelligently and conscientiously.

At the various meetings held during the campaign there has been so much antagonism shown to the Bell government that a general impression has been created that the overwhelming defeat of the government is so inevitable that a few stay-at-home votes here and there will make no difference. This is a mistake. While it is quite probable that the defeat will be overwhelming, this by no means relieves any elector from the duty of voting. Every elector who realizes the responsibility of the franchise, be he or she for or against the party in power, will, if true to themselves and the province, cast their ballot conscientiously and fearlessly be the result what it will. Every voter should have a say in the government and the only say is expressed by the ballot.

EDITORIAL NOTE

There is much to hope for in the fact that there is more resentment against the Bell government for the false steps by which it came into power than for the mistakes made during its administration. It is an evidence that the people look for truth and honesty in their public men and that any flagrant degeneration from these will not be tolerated. Excuses and pretexts, however ingeniously constructed, are unavailing, in fact they only intensify the errors they are trying to correct. Much of the odium attaching to the Bell government today is due to the excuses and the transparent pretexts offered by Liberal candidates and the Liberal organ for their many stragglings from the path they had originally mapped out.



That Booby of Yours

By James M. Barnes, M.D. WORRY AND EATING

In a former article I spoke about the importance of clean linen, table and flatware when you were eating.

Not only does the mouth water at the sight of food but the stomach actually does the same, thus making digestion that much easier.

Similarly the soiled cloth or table wear actually prevents the flow of stomach juices.

But that is not all that stops the flow. Any severe depressing emotion, the loss of friends, of money, anything that worries you has the same bad effect. You know this yourself, because you have come home some time and a good meal is spread before you, perhaps a favourite meal, and you can scarcely eat a bite.

The folks immediately ask you if you are sick.

You say, Why No. Why? "Well you're not eating anything. Has anything happened?"

Sometimes you say No, because you have no desire to worry others, but you know that something has happened.

Now should you eat under such circumstances?

That's just a question.

If the cause of your lack of appetite is due to some little thing that has angered you and you've lost your temper for the time being, it would be just as well to avoid eating until you cool down.

You see your anger through your brain has upset all your juices.

Some of them that you need for digestion being manufactured in sufficient quantities, and others that lessen your digestive powers being manufactured in larger quantities.

However if your worry, grief or other depressing emotion is of long duration you would do well to try and take hold of yourself and try eating plain but tempting things to retain your strength.

Mr. Leas said, "There are only two things to worry about. The things you can't help, and the things you can help. If its something you can't help with the use of worrying about it, if its something you can help, use your worrying time in trying to help it."

I give this for what it is worth to you.

Notes by the Way

These are anxious days in the Government camp. They are very cheerful and hopeful days in Opposition circles. The candidates of both parties have been for a week or more past been meeting the electors individually at their homes, or places of business and at public meetings. Reports of this intercourse from many sources and from informants hitherto divided between both political parties, and others of independent views are quite in agreement that there has been a great falling in support for the Bell Government and proportionate gains for the Opposition.

In no case is it claimed by the Government candidates that they have gained ground in a single polling division. Doubtless they would set up such a claim if they could do so truthfully, or even with a fair show of probability. Electors of both parties, personally friendly to each other, frequently exchange candid views across the party fence. The result of such interchange of views and opinions is to strengthen the conviction that the government cannot possibly be sustained. And this brings to the Opposition side a considerable support from the ranks of those whose party ties are less strong than their desire to be on the winning side.

More than one of the Government candidates has candidly admitted the probability of his own defeat. This fact is known to many electors. On the other hand we do not know and have not heard of a single supporter of the Conservative party and its leader who does not confidently expect to be elected. The contrast in this respect is very striking. There seems to be a universal conviction in both parties that there has been a large exodus from the ranks of the Bell Government supporters with no compensating counter current the other way. The Government has lost much from its former support and gained nothing in return.

This change is apparent in town and country. It is confined to no class or creed. The Government has lost ground among the farmers, the most numerous of all the occupational classes. It has notori-

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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.

Road-making

Sir.—Why is so much of our money spent in making roads when it can be done better for so little? The best road I have ever seen was done past my place this Spring with the tractor for less than or about \$40 a mile none of the permanent roads can compare with it. Come and see if I am not right. It seems to me wrong to see so many men on the road just before an election and Albany Corner, one of the most important spots not touched and the autos coming and going over the bare parts.

I am Sir, etc. JOSEPH NOONAN. Albany.

Fourth District Warned

Sir.—I think the voters of the Fourth District of Prince should be warned against the canvass being made by friends of Mr. Leas on his behalf. The suggestion is being made that Mr. Leas is not altogether responsible for the public stand he has taken on some questions and for some of the votes he gave. It is suggested that Mr. Bell is much the stronger intellectually of the two men and has influenced Mr. Leas to do as he has done, but if Mr. Bell was dropped so that Mr. Leas would not be under his influence, he would be all right.

Now, Sir, this is a subtle and insinuating canvass, but it is not fair. Mr. Leas is an able man, and because he is so able he is dominating; and because he is using his great ability selfishly, for the interests of Mr. Walter M. Leas, he is one of the most dangerous men in his recent public life of our Province.

The electors of the Fourth District should not forget that when one of the Liberal Committees made some suggestions to Mr. Leas just after the last election, and these suggestions were not in accordance with his views, he did not stop to discuss their suggestions, but bluntly told them they did not represent the Liberals of that poll. Was that the action of a man who would be over-persuaded by Mr. Bell?

Again, in another district the electors voiced their opposition to a bill that was being fathered by Mr. Leas. Mr. Leas replied that he did not expect them to appreciate his good points, they did not know what was best for them. Was this the reply of a man who would allow his better judgment to be set aside by Mr. Bell?

Again, at a meeting where objection was being taken to the increased taxation Mr. Leas told those present they were like children who needed a purgative, and explained his meaning by saying that it was sometimes necessary to hold the noses of children to make them swallow castor oil, but it was good for them, just the same. In the same way he was administering the dose to them.

In face of these and similar statements, is it possible for Mr. Leas's friends to say that Mr. Bell, because he is the abler man, led Mr. Leas astray?

If the electors will only think, they will realize that Mr. Leas is not Mr. Bell's intellectual flunkey and will be caught by such crude suggestions. Mr. Leas believes in himself. He knows. He diagnoses the case and administers the dose. Let the electors beware. Every vote cast for Mr. Leas is a vote for Red Dictatorship. Every vote cast for Mr. Leas is a vote against democracy, is a vote against government of the people, by the people and for the people.

I am, Sir, etc. DEMOCRITUS. Fourth District Prince.

Vote Conservative

Sir—I did not come to the Island to assist in the Election Campaign, but I note it is on in good shape. I am here for a rest and vacation but am much interested in politics just now. Have only been here for a few days but notice a great change of sentiment. Many who were strong Liberals in the past are active on the other side now. I do not claim to be posted on local affairs but have reasons to believe a change is wise and necessary here. Have known the Guardian for years and believe it always takes a strong stand for what is right and best for P. E. I.

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

AFTER SHOWER By May Howe Dakin A heavy dashing shower Swept over field and wood; And now the sun shines bright again, All earth's in merry mood. The diamond raindrops sparkle On every leaf and flower. The battered roses lift their heads, Just bowed before the shower. They lift up sweet, wet faces So shyly to the light; They smile through shining tear-drops And blush with color bright. The mountain slopes are lightly pearled With shreds of shining mist; And all their white-crowned state-lines By laughing sunlight bleed.

There is a good bit of McCallum (Island) blood coursing through my body. I have lived here and been well over the Island at different times and claim to have a lot of relatives and friends here. I have travelled from Sydney to Vancouver, back and forth over our great Dominion and elsewhere and feel impressed to urge all your readers to vote Conservative in this election. We claim the Conservatives have done more for this Island than any others. We used to cross in the boat from point Du Chene to Summerside and take the little cars during the winter on the narrow gauge in winter it was ice boats pulling a strap and walking and even loss of life in crossing. Now the great car ferry brings us over in quick dispatch in all kinds of weather, large cars for freight and passengers and standardized railroad. Liberals cannot take credit for any of these great improvements. I admit there was dissatisfaction with the Union Government two years ago, any other Government would have suffered such unpopularity passing through such a war. Many said "things can't be any worse and we will try a change." After two years we know things are very much worse in these provinces.

The new government has done nothing for us. In fact has taken away much that we had. A gentleman here remarked: "I appeal to us to help New Brunswick retain the government employees at Moncton but you did not help us when our government works were taken from Charlottetown eighteen years ago." I have not had time to look this matter up but reminded him the Liberals were in power at that time and what ever was done they are responsible. That is the serious part of it, the Liberal government is always pulling all they can from these lower Provinces. The acts of the present Federal Government seems to be the last strain. We cannot stand it any longer. Ontario has given us great encouragement. We believe every other Province is going Conservative just as fast as they get the opportunity. That is one hopeful sign for us. If not we must use other means. Many are talking of succession. This may be the last resort. We have been in Confederation about half a century and our progress has been disappointing. We are loyal British subjects and ever expect to remain under British protection but many are convinced we need greater protection in the Maritime Provinces. We must be more united. The officers, members and friends of the Maritime club kindly elected me President of the club and I appeal to all parties and interests in the Provinces to stand by our motto, "Maritimes first, last and always." I have not had the privilege of consulting our membership on the "Island Election" our club is composed of all creeds and classes and

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