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TRADE EVOLUTION

From the pioneer days of this province to the present day is but a step of little more than one hundred years, but in that time great changes have taken place in our various industries. Clearing the land, getting rid of the timber that stood in the way of agricultural progress, was the first step and it was taken ruthlessly, largely by burning it out of the way. Later it was cut into logs and rafted to Charlottetown whence it was shipped to the Old Country. Later still much of it was manufactured at home, ships were built, boards and deals were exported. This was a forward step, a step nearer to the ideal of exporting the finished product. Unfortunately the raw material became exhausted, largely through waste and because no attempt at conservation was made. The Island's lumber business is now almost over and we import practically all the lumber we use.

The forests cleared, more attention was given to agriculture. Potatoes and oats were the staple marketable commodities and they were shipped. No attempt was made to feed them; they were the exportable surplus and they were exported and with them the soil's fertility. The farmers were made poor by their shipment of these raw products.

The next step was the co-operative dairying business. This led to feeding grain and potatoes on the farm rather than exporting them. It led also to more fertility in the soil, to a better system of farming, the raising of hogs as a sister industry to dairying, and the raising of poultry. Gradually the export of raw material was dropped, the export of potatoes and grain fell off almost to the vanishing point. The finished product, butter, cheese, eggs, dressed poultry, became the almost exclusive export commodities, and to these, later, was added the export of live cattle for breeding purposes.

This has been the trend of our agricultural development: we have not yet reached the ideal of exporting all our raw products and utilizing only the finished product.

In view of the excessive cost of transportation by rail or steamer, it is evident that, if we are to make the progress we should, we must reduce that cost by reducing the bulk of our shipments. The weight of the butter or cheese or eggs or pork manufactured from potatoes and grain is vastly less than that of the latter and the freight is correspondingly less. In this way we can reduce considerably the cost of freight which is one of our greatest handicaps at present. The farming ideal must ever be to utilize at home every pound of farm produce that can possibly be used and that, as far as possible, only the finished product be exported.

Notes by the Way

The Legislature has been in session since Tuesday, March 20th, a full month and more. And what has it done during that time? Practically nothing but talk! What measure of any real public importance has passed its final stage in that time? Not one! Has a dollar been voted for the public services of the province during the current year? Not a dollar! So far as anything of interest or value to the people is concerned the session has been little better than a barren waste of words, a mere noise and nothing more.

And who did the talking? Four-fifths of it all was done by members of the Bell Government and their supporters! Two long debates first on the opening reply to the Governor's opening speech and again on the budget were made the occasion for this tiresome monotonous and flatulent tirade. There was scarcely a new word or idea in the entire ministerial contribution. That was confined to wearisome and nauseating repetitions of self-praise, mutual admiration and

THE JUDICIAL MIND

It is possible that when Mr. A. C. Saunders arrives at the goal aspired to by all good lawyers, namely the Judge's seat, he will have left behind him any traces of extreme partisanship that formed part of his existence as a politician. This disrobing if happily it takes place, will make the judicial career run more smoothly. As at present elucidated in his politics. Mr. Saunders shows few symptoms of the judicial mind. In his speech on the budget the other day, he revelled in a sea of figures which must have amazed himself as well as his audience. By adding a number of figures together he worked up an alleged deficit of over half a million dollars against the late Conservative regime. And the array of figures appeared to please Mr. Saunders immoderately. He waxed eloquent as the figures rolled from his lips and thumped his desk. Now we would ask Mr. Saunders, where was this deficit when the Liberals assumed office? Did the Liberals discover that the Conservatives had issued debentures or had funded this extraordinary deficit? If so where did they find it? And if they issued no debentures, nor funded it, what became of it? Did some public benefactor pay it off, or did the Liberals during an interval of generosity pay it off?

Mr. Saunders is a lawyer with a lucrative practice and with aspirations. His legal opinions are supposed to carry weight. Was he talking on this occasion as a lawyer or merely as a cheap buncombe politician? If the Conservatives had actually increased the debt by this amount there would have been something like \$30,000 of increased interest to pay. The Public Accounts do not show that any such interest was ever paid. Did Mr. Saunders or Mr. Bell pay this interest?

The fact is that Mr. Saunders' figures are not only incorrect and unreasonable, but are ridiculous. The oratory which accompanied them only added to their ridiculousness and proved, as has very clearly been demonstrated that Mr. Saunders is "as sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal." His arithmetic has long been one of the standing jokes in the legislature.

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laudation of the Best of All Governments! all of which old straw had been beaten to chaff in previous sessions and was twice more put through the mill during the past month.

The old and exploded sophistries in support of Bell Government taxation and extravagance were rehearsed and served out, the mess being more rancid than before with out a modicum of new seasoning. The service waiters who distributed it even turned up their own noses at their task. From soup to walnuts it was a stale and sorry feast indeed. One is led to wonder that they should present such stuff to the House and to the country. The folly of it seems inconceivable. It was pitiable too. They had nothing better to offer! The net result is that a month has been spent at a cost of many thousand dollars, only to prove that the Bell Government is not for economy either in money or words!

A month gone and the real business of the session—providing for the public services not yet begun! What follows? In the country the spring work is now on. Members

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.

Who's Running The Baking Business

Sir,—Is it the bakers, the scribblers or the evening newspaper, why don't they start a bakery since there is so much money to be made and so easy. If the Patriot would inform the public at what price bread is sold for in Montreal, St. John, Halifax, Moncton, Amherst and other Maritime towns instead of knocking the bakers of this city, it would render a real service to the community. Did you ever hear of the bakers dictating to other people the price at which they must sell their goods or products? A little boosting and less knocking might provide Charlottetown with greater industries and more business.

Those fault finding letters are so full of inaccuracies and misrepresentations that they are not worth the time and space that it would take to reply to them. I am Sir, etc., W. STEWART.

The Milk Test

Sir,—I noticed a letter in Saturday's Guardian from "Square Deal," hauling Dr. Yeo over the coals for insisting on a proper "Milk Test." Does Square Deal think that it would be a fair test to inform the milk men of the date samples would be collected? No, the only way is to treat all milk vendors alike and take the samples at irregular intervals. The milkman who has the "good quality" milk need fear no inspection. It is the careless chap that gets into trouble. I have three children who are depending largely on milk for their nourishment and in common with hundreds of mothers in this city, we have watched the efforts of Dr. Yeo and the City Council to secure better milk and meat for us. All honor to him, he deserves and will get the gratitude and respect of every mother in Charlottetown for his courageous stand. It takes a real man to "speak out" and remedy evils and abuses. "Square Deal" says he does not know of any city in Canada where the milk supply is so pure and healthy. Can't "Square Deal" see why it is because Dr. Yeo and the Council have "Milk Inspectors." Cut these out and see what would happen. In conclusion, I would say that were I a milk man instead of writing letters to the papers like "Square Deal" I would be improving my cattle and feeding them better so that I could bring my milk to the City without any fear of the "Test." I am Sir, etc., MOTHER.

Rural Mail Couriers

Sir,—This is the first year of the year when rural mail couriers find it most difficult to carry out the terms of their contracts and give a regular service on their respective routes. Last week one of the couriers from Kensington had his horse's leg broken and I have just received information that one of the couriers from Tignish got his horse down in a bad place in the road and the animal was cut so badly that the courier was compelled to leave him in a farmer's barn on his route. The general public are willing to make all due allowances for the rural couriers at this time, but some complaints continue to come in about too great delays in receiving mail. In a letter which I have received today, the writer writes: "Last winter the roads were not attended to and just now if the people in each section would turn out for a few hours some afternoon and open a new road, there would be no trouble. It is not right to expect mail drivers to put their horses' lives in danger. This week and next will be the most dangerous time, and I will have to get mail delivered for the balance of the week on foot."

I consider the suggestions of this rural courier worthy of immediate attention, and I would respectfully urge on residents in every locality and especially road-oversseers or inspectors, the necessity of seeing to it that the roads are opened in a proper way so to make same passable for mail couriers in every district. Prompt attention to this matter will help out the couriers materially, and as they are the hardest-worked public officials, they are entitled to every consideration in the matter of passable roads. I am Sir, etc., JOHN F. WHEAR, P. O. Inspector.

Prohibition

Sir,—Just a few lines re these anti-Prohibitionists who are polluting the press with their views, especially "Observer" and the letter he refers to from Johnston's River. Surely the Johnston's River correspondent has the cause of the sick, who are in need of "medicine," very much at heart when he objects so strongly to their having to pay so highly for their bottle at the vendor's, especially when they must have it renewed so often. He thinks we don't have to pay so much for our other medicines. Certainly not! For instance, we get a bottle of cough medicine, paying about \$2.00 per bottle half as large as he gets at the vendor's for \$3.00, and we take it according to directions (never an overdose,) and it lasts from four to five weeks; whereas, the other kind must be renewed every "week or ten days." Therefore, we must infer from Mr.

McCarthy's letter that the patient likes the vendor's medicine all too well, and we suspect that "Observer" does also, else he would not be calling down the Temperance Alliance for doing such a wonderful work in the cause of Humanity. He calls Prohibition a curse, but, readers, look back only a few short years and recall conditions when anyone could at any time get all the liquor he wanted, and compare those days with the present time. Would any right-thinking person care to go back?

It is true that there are still making "moonshine," but these are not primarily run by youths but by old-toppers like those who write such foolish, unbelievable effusions for our papers, trying to poison the minds of the young against the greatest blessing that has ever come to this fairest of provinces. He talks of using "the free will" given by the Creator, but for the same command "do not be drunk with wine," etc. also the "Woes" pronounced on those who do not observe this commandment. He says one result of Prohibition is a traffic in drugs. Does he not know that P. E. I. is the only province in the Dominion that is not given over to the drug habit? He speaks of other "results" from perjury and murder, but are these not rather the result of lack of the enforcement of Prohibition? He also states that all (ALL mark you) eminent churchmen are opposed to the present Prohibition laws. Did ever anyone hear such a statement? Are not some of the very best churchmen in the land members of the Alliance? Perhaps "Observer" would not mind writing again and naming a few of these eminent churchmen for the enlightenment of the general public. "Observer" forgot to refer, as they generally do, to conditions since Prohibition in the United States, or possibly he read that article in the Guardian a few days ago where statistics re conditions there were given, telling of the decrease in crime in deaths from alcoholism, etc., and of the closing of a home for chronic inebriates, necessitated from lack of patients. Can it be that "Observer" had a little still in his own back lot which was raided by zealous Prohibitionists, thus putting an end to his fun? I am, Sir, etc., VERITY.

Our Dirty Streets

Sir,—After what has appeared in our daily press from time to time re the filthy conditions of our streets one would think that some effort on the part of our Mayor and City Council would have been made to remedy matters. It should not be necessary for citizens to again call attention to the conditions as they still exist. One business man, in expressing himself, Saturday last, re the present conditions of our streets and market square, said that he had lived in this city for over forty years and never in his time has he seen our streets and Market Square in the dirty condition they are today. To look at the Market Square, situated practically in the centre of our city, and surrounded by the principal business houses of the city, one would be led to think that we surely had a stock yard here; in fact I have seen stock yards where hundreds of cows were fed and looked after for several days at a time, that did not present the dirty and filthy condition that this particular square does today. This is equally true of our principal streets, all of which should have been cleaned up days ago, and not give this dirt and filth time to dry up under the wind and heat of the sun and be blown hither and thither into our streets and dwellings and inhaled by all passers by. We have taken considerable pride in the appearance of our city in past years. Strangers have come and gone, taking away with them pleasant remembrances of Charlottetown, but what must a stranger visiting our city today think? "Go home," he will not think, we as citizens are on a par with the conditions of our streets and surroundings. It is time that the Mayor and City Council woke up to a sense of their responsibility to citizens, otherwise our business men will be obliged to take a hand in seeing that something is done quickly to remedy conditions as they now exist. I am Sir, etc., CITIZEN.

Staff To Island Mother

Sir,—There is something in the sweet name of Mother that always commands respect, reverence and honour. I do hope that I have accepted her invitation to make a tour of the business places of the House so that we may see the great number of people holding down good jobs who come from P. E. I. Here is where I am going to fit in good, here is where I am going to use a sledge instead of a tack hammer, here is where I am going to open up my throttle, here is where I am going to throw out my chest and add a new feather to my bonnet. Now in "Mother's" letter to the Guardian she asked me to throw up the sponge. Oh no, I cannot do that, I am a fighter not a quitter but, still I am not going to fight with her. I am going to be kind and considerate with her for the reason that she is an "Island Mother" and then again it will give me a great deal of pleasure to have a friendly chat with her as we go along from place to place, on our little tour.

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ARE YOU RED BLOODED

Since the war novelists keep writing stories for us about red-blooded men, Good rich red blood is a sign of health all right, but is the redness the real important thing about the blood?

You will remember that they taught you at school that the blood had a liquid part in which were

Birds, How are they Protected

Sir,—Now I do not find fault with the laws for protection of birds in the spring, but I find fault with some of the game laws that are made, and the way they are enforced. We have three game wardens for this province. Can they watch all the shores and ponds of this province? The man who hunts knows they cannot do it, but the Game Association expects these three men to do it, and have men through the country without salary to inform on his neighbors and receive half of the fine, which is about \$5.00, depending on who the poor fellow is.

The province has no big game like the other provinces, so why should we not have a little more privileges to shoot wild geese and sell them? Why are they allowed to sell them in Quebec province? Because people who made the laws like to have a goose if they can will see that the man he met with a gun on his shoulder had a license for it for nothing. I think that a hunter earns his money. Why not

little solid bodies, red and white. Now the red ones carry food to all parts of the body. If they failed to any extent then you would grow thin and pale, and your body would grow cold and lifeless. So we can't say then that red blood is not important. But suppose some ailment attacks you. Ah then is the time that you look to the little white fellows for help. For immediately these little white fellows increase in number and get very busy in a real hand to hand fight. They attack the invader and in the majority of cases drive him out of your body. The first thing many physicians want to know is how much white blood there is. If they have increased greatly in number he knows that a strong foe is busy with your body. He also knows that your white fighters have increased in number so as to be able to fight this thing off, if your white cells have not increased much and yet you are very sick he knows that your resistance is not very strong and that he'll have more trouble pulling you through.

Now what's the good of knowing all this? Simply that you will keep that body of yours in good condition. Keep the intestine clean, and don't eat too much. Get outdoors and take some exercise. If you do these simple things, and anything comes along and tackles you, you'll give your white battlers a better chance to put up a good fight for you.

make the man who wants to sell geese pay a license. Also the man who carries a gun. When we can't sell geese in this province we are just protecting them for the provinces that they are allowed to sell them in; have the one who takes out a license to sell birds show it to the one who buys a goose from him. Then the man who has the license to sell birds like to have a goose if they can will see that the man he met with a gun on his shoulder had a license

There is an Eye that never sleeps Beneath the wing of night; There is an Ear that never shuts When sink the beams of light. There is an Arm that never tires When human strength gives way; There is a Love that never fails When earthly loves decay. That Eye unseen o'erwatcheth all; That Arm upholds the sky; That Ear doth hear the sparrows call; That love is ever high. J. C. Wallace.



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