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HISTORIC SITES

In yesterday's Guardian we published a report of the annual meeting of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada, held recently in Ottawa. Practically every province in the Dominion, except Prince Edward Island, was represented. Historic sites in every province, except Prince Edward Island, were recommended to be set apart as national grounds or to be commemorated by monuments or tablets. The omission of Prince Edward Island from this commemoration and this representation is regrettable.

We have here several historic sites, sites reminiscent of important events in the history of Canada as well as of this province. Overlooking Charlottetown Harbor are the remains of one of the original French forts, historic and picturesque. On the shores of East River is the original landing place of the Island's first immigrants. At Orwell, Malpeque and other points are similar sites. In some of our neglected cemeteries lie the remains of men whose names will live forever in the history of Canada. These are now "neglected spots. Why neglected, while many less noted places are transformed into slightly and historic places? Why is not our province represented on this Canadian Board?

Steps should be taken as early as possible to place our province on the historic map and an endeavor should be made to redeem from neglect and ruin the resting places of our eminent dead and the sites of historic events. We have our "Mighty Dead." Future generations will look in vain for their resting places, unless steps are at once taken to restore them. We trust that steps will be taken in the very near future with a view to performing this duty to our dead and to our history.

LETTING THE LIGHT IN

The political upheaval which precipitated the present situation is serving at least one useful purpose, it is letting the light in on conditions existing during the past five years, and giving a warning to Canadians which should result in eliminating from Canadian politics for all time to come, some of the public men who have brought disgrace and loss to Canada. As discussion proceeds, the lurid light is falling mercilessly on the heads of those who were either guilty themselves or who strove and are still striving to shield the guilty—all equally guilty and all unworthy to be again entrusted with the public affairs of Canada.

MacLean's Magazine, politically independent, in the course of an article dealing with the situation, says: "R. Percy Sparks, the man who gave up his private business for two years, to do the work a Government Department should have done without prompting, has made statutory declaration that long before the Government was forced to appoint a parliamentary committee, he then Prime Minister admitted to him that he knew of Honorable Jacques Bureau's misconduct in office and that he was helpless to do anything because of Bureau's political influence. In short the First Minister of the Land sacrificed the honor of Canada to political expediency. Then, when at last he realized that exposure was certain, he got rid of a discredited Minister by appointing him to the Senate—an insult to that body; an act which placarded the Upper Chamber as a haven for a former Minister of the Crown who stands charged with debauching his subordinates, a Minister who hobnobbed

with crooks and despoilers of the treasury, a Minister whose conduct is described by investigators as being unspeakable."

Is it possible that the representatives supporting the King Government, the men who, through thick and thin, stuck by their party, did not know what was going on in the upper levels? Not at all; they may not have known at first the depths to which the leaders of their party had descended; they found it out when the Duncan reports were submitted, and even then they took a willing part in the shuffling and the trickery resorted to to keep the King Government in power.

These men, some of them at least, are now holding out their soiled hands to the electors for renewed confidence and support and for another chance to administer the affairs of the country. Are they to be trusted? Do they come as penitents, confessing their sins and promising to do better in future? No, they come as the injured innocents to whom the Governor General refused the boon of dissolution which would enable them to further hoodwink the people by promises which they had already given and broken, to use again the electoral machinery which they had already debauched. Are they again to be trusted? We think not. The opportunity to deal a salutary lesson is now in the hands of the people. Let them use it for the sake of the country; for the sake of their own honor and for the sake of political decency.

REGRETTED CANCELLATION.

All Canadians, especially in the Maritime Provinces, will regret that owing to the unsettled political situation at Ottawa, His Excellency the Governor General has been obliged to cancel his intended farewell visit to Eastern Canada. They will regret still more the cowardly interpretation given by small souled Liberal propagandists to the change of program. Mr. Veniot, Liberal ex-Premier of New Brunswick, the spokesman in that province for his leader, Mr. W. L. Mackenzie King, stated that the visit of His Excellency to the Maritimes was abandoned owing to the "dissatisfaction caused by his refusal to give Mr. King the dissolution he asked for." To charge Baron Byng of Vimy with cowardice, with fear of facing a situation of his own or anyone else's creation, is as contemptible as it is insulting and shows the depth to which small politicians can descend in an endeavor to make a political point. Everyone knows that, in the present situation at Ottawa with a new government in process of formation, with its innumerable details, in each of which the Governor General has a direct personal and official part to play, he could not, until all these matters are finally settled, absent himself from the Capital. Yet the occasion is seized upon to make it appear that there is widespread dissatisfaction with his action and that he is afraid to face it. The absurdity and the meanness of this insinuation are apparent to all and yet the charge is not too mean or too absurd for some of the small Liberal newspapers to give their assistance in "sending it further."

That there is "dissatisfaction" in Liberal quarters is very evident, but it is also evident that it has not extended beyond the bounds of the Liberal party and, we believe, only to a limited portion even of that. Ex-Premier King's little trick in asking for dissolution to avoid the defeat which awaited him on the floor of the House was thwarted, and he and his party are "dissatisfied," dissatisfied to the point of green and futile envy.

Notes by the Way

No better weather for the crops could have been ordered than that experienced since Saturday. Gentle showers followed by torrential downpours, then close, muggy weather, followed by brilliant sunshine have practically ensured a full year crop, and made the root crops spring to surface with amazing rapidity. If it be true the Southern potato crop has been practically drowned out, as the German and Irish crops have admittedly been, the prospects are good here for fairly good prices this fall.

Special attention is being called in the Old Country to the requirements for a bacon hog to replace the Danish article which has been prohibited owing to alleged disease. In a recent number of the Edinburgh "Sootsman," Dr. Chalmers Watson calls attention to the bacon pig competition promoted by the Scottish Association of National Pig Breeders. For this competition the pigs "must not exceed nine months and be around 200lb. live weight, the primary condition being that all pigs must be suitable for bacon curing purposes." There is no adequate reason, Dr. Watson points out, why a bacon pig competition of the kind should not be restricted to pigs not exceeding six and a half months old. In Denmark the farmers have evolved a single breed of pig, a single system of feeding and a system of co-operative marketing of extraordinary efficiency. By this means they produce and put on the market at six months old a pig weighing around 200lb. which is exactly suited to their public. It takes the British producer from seven and a half to nine months to produce a pig of 200lb. live weight, and the finished product is of the most varied type and not necessarily at all adapted to the requirements of the curer. The fact is that British curers have shown lamentable lack of foresight in not rewarding breeders for producing the right type.

The situation at Ottawa has changed slightly since yesterday, it now being decided to fill the Quebec portfolios. The latest report to hand is that while Senator Robertson was looked upon as a certainty for the Labor ministry, now it is said that Mr. George Nicholson, of East Algoma, will take over the Labor Department. Cabinet representation from all the provinces except Quebec and Saskatchewan remains pretty much where rumor placed it ten days ago. Saskatchewan's member in the Cabinet may be left over until after election. Mr. H. Fortier is spoken of as one of the "likeliest," so is Mr. Maurice Dupre, of Quebec, and Mr. P. A. Labelle, of Hull. But as far as the Quebec representation is concerned there is nothing but rumor to go on.

Discussing the situation the Financial Post says, "The Conservative campaign will be fought on two clearly defined issues. Such an abstract question as constitutional relations will be avoided. Tory chiefs feel that the self-government question will talk itself out of public interest and be as dead as crossword puzzles before the campaign is half over. "The two planks in the Conservative platform will be complete administration and higher tariff. In this respect, the platform will differ from that of the last campaign, when the tariff alone was made an issue. Competent administration is a broad term and will have two chief phases in the Conservative campaign. First will be the question of honest administration, and the revelations of the customs inquiry will be gone over at length. Then there will be the second phase of economical administration and a Coolidge-Mellon type of tax reduction program will be promised.

"On the tariff issue, the Conservatives are taking the bull by the horns and are making higher tariff unequivocally their policy. They hope to find it a more popular policy, in some parts of Canada than it was a year ago and there seems no doubt that the west, in spots, is studying the question of a stronger industrial Canada more than ever before, while in the Maritimes the clouds of uncertainty, obscuring the future of the great Nova Scotia steel and coal industry, have started more real thinking on the tariff than the question has had in the past few years."

Conservatives expect to gain twenty-five seats in Quebec, and practically all the Alberta Progressives, for though these may run on the Progressive ticket they will be linked up with the Conservatives as all Alberta Federally seems to be lining up between two rather than three parties.

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 of correspondents.

Views of a Voter.

Sir,—As you were kind enough to publish my first letter, I feel encouraged to offer you readers a few additional remarks. The conclusion I have reached, after thinking the matter over, is that we voters ought to waste no time over the question whether or not the Governor General was wrong in refusing Prime Minister King's request for a dissolution of Parliament when his administration was in the throes of death, or in granting Prime Minister Meighen's request for a dissolution immediately after his party was defeated in the House of Commons by a majority of one. That question is one for lawyers and statesmen and not for plain common-sense persons such as the great majority of your readers. At any rate the electors of Canada have not the power to punish the Governor General. For myself, I must say that I was struck by Bourinot's statement, quoted by The Guardian, that "the responsibility of deciding whether in any particular case a dissolution should be granted, rests absolutely with the representative of the sovereign, in coming to a decision, he is guided by considerations of public interest, which will enable him always to judge of the value of the advice given him by his constitutional advisers."

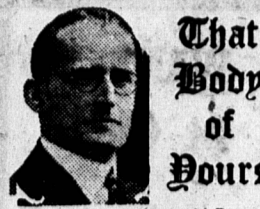
Unless an equally authoritative and definite opinion that the responsibility for deciding whether, in any particular case, a dissolution should be granted does not lie with the Governor General as representative of the sovereign, "the settles it" for me and, I feel sure, for every unprejudiced and independent elector in this country. Consequently, I will proceed to discuss the questions which it is the clear duty of the electors to decide. What are these questions? Mr. Meighen and his party are not involved in them. Mr. Mackenzie King and his colleagues and followers are those—and those only—who are responsible. We, the voters, have now to deal with the record of the ex-Prime Minister and the late government, and to decide upon the best policy to be pursued for the future in the interests of this Canada of ours.

As to the record of the late Government we are faced by the Report of the Customs Committee. Can we, the voters, men and women, set the seal of our approval upon the conduct of Mr. Mackenzie King and his colleagues in respect to the smuggling of goods into Canada, and their generous and friendly treatment of those Customs and Excise officials who they knew had connived at and profited by breaches of the law by heavy losses on the part of honest merchants and the people at large. By voting for the candidates of the party led by Mr. Mackenzie King we shall declare that we do approve,—we shall proclaim to the world, in language much more forcible than that of words, that we are in favor of smuggling, and of connivance with smugglers, and that we vote in confidence in a man who does such things. Consequently, no honest and patriotic man, Liberal or Conservative, can vote for any candidate of the party led by Mr. Mackenzie King in view of the facts brought to light in the "probe" and set forth in the Report of the Customs Committee.

Then there is the fact of the exodus from this country throughout the whole course of Mr. Mackenzie King's administration. If there is one thing more than another required in this Canada of ours it is population—large numbers of men, women and children, in all the towns, creating a profitable and stable home market for the products of farmers in the country. The value of such industrial towns, near-by, as Sydney, New Glasgow, Amherst, Moncton, Saint John and Halifax, is known by the farmers and merchants of Prince Edward Island. A strong demand for food products for those towns made for good prices in that the farmer here had to sell. The larger and more prosperous these towns were, the better for us. Yet as a result of the failure of the Mackenzie King Government to meet the changed conditions caused by the Great War, these towns have been decimated. The same thing has happened in all the industrial towns of Canada; and the value of the farmers' home market has therefore been greatly reduced. Can we as voters state by our vote that we approve of the fact that we have had to send away to England, the West Indies and elsewhere many of the products that we ought to have sold in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and in the cities of Canada further west. The shortage of potatoes in the United States last year was a

God-send for this Province and for all the Maritime Provinces. The cities of the United States are full of people who must have food; and consequently, when the United States' farmers' crops failed, they had to import. On the other hand, many thousands of the people of Canada, responding to the call of the Fordney Tariff, left the industrial towns of Canada and went to the States, and many Canadian farmers followed them. The Mackenzie King Government did nothing whatever to check the emigration from Canada—rather by tinkering with the tariff and lessening the protective duties, the Government aided the exodus. Will the voters of Canada set the seal of their approval upon an administration that was useless to check the exodus, useless to encourage the development of Canada's large and varied natural resources, useless to protect the home markets of Canadian farmers? If they cast their ballots for candidates of the party led by Mr. Mackenzie King they are saying that they are in favor of "High Protection" does not now frighten me as once it did—for I see that the United States, with the most highly protective tariff in the world, is also counted as the richest country in the world; and I at once see that goods are sold there, upon the whole, more cheaply than they are in Canada, while the direct taxation of the people is much lower and lighter.

However, the dissolution of Parliament was brought about, the decision of the case of the late administration, now about to be on trial, is in the right hands—those of "the sovereign people"—the men and women voters of Canada. I hope that honest and able men will be nominated as candidates for election, and that the change of Administration will be endorsed by my fellow electors. I am, Sir, etc., A BRITISH CANADIAN VOTER. Queens County.



By James W. Barton, M.D.

THE EYES AND HEADACHE

You have headaches occurring from time to time and as the eyes cause more headaches than any other one thing you consult an oculist or an optometrist. He puts you through the tests and tells you that you have perfect eyesight as you are able to read the print correctly at the specified distance. You feel relieved, and feel therefore that glasses will not be necessary but you are reminded that glasses may be necessary to relieve the "strain" on the eyes, even if the eyes are perfect. A simple test you can try for yourself if you have the time to do it, is to bandage up the eyes for a few days or a week, and see if this relieves your headache. If you think it is just one eye that is causing the trouble you could bandage it for a few days and thus be enabled to get about and do your ordinary work. Sometimes the amount of short-sightedness or astigmatism is very slight and you might expect the optometrist to suggest that glasses are hardly necessary in your case. However, as someone has pointed out it is not the extent of the defect of eyesight, but how much you use the eyes with this defect, that determines the severity of the headache. Many cases of nausea and even vomiting can be traced to defective eyesight. Properly fitting glasses clear up the trouble. Double vision whether in one eye or both is often accompanied by headache, and is due to some defect in the way the image strikes the back of the eye. However, the point about the matter is that as mentioned above you may have perfect eyesight and yet have frequent headaches, if so then it is because of some unwise habit in the use of the eyes. This may be using the eyes with a strong light striking both your book or other object and also your eyes directly, reading in a poor light, reading too long at one time, and similar methods of straining your eyes. The simple method of closing the eyes occasionally for two or three minutes may mean all the difference between a headache or relief from same. The eyes are worth much to you. A little care and common sense will be sufficient to keep you free from headaches if there are no defects of vision uncorrected.

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THE PATRIOT'S IRONY

Sir,—The ignominious fall of the King regime seems to have put the boasting Liberal press into a rather ridiculous position. They boasted of King's political strategy and of his ability to outwit his opponents. They boasted of his outstanding abilities, his patriotism and his social and political purity. Now that he has been proven to have collaborated with scoundrels whose deeds are too vile to be printed for the public, they are laboring to raise a smoke screen. As to his political adroitness they see him now as the boozing fox in story who, had so many tricks, but was caught at last. For contemporary, the Patriot resorts to irony—it cannot be anything else. It is hard to believe that the crude editor of that paper, or writes in earnest when he speaks of the King government's achievements in the words, "What 'He collected his notes from a temporary historian."

Daily Lessons In English

By W. L. Gordon

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Do not write "it is to be a three week's vacation." "Weeks" is correct. OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: dost. Pronounce "dust." OFTEN MISPELLED: symptom. Note the p. SYNONYMS: lock, bolt, latch, hook, bar, clasp, fastening. WORD STUDY: "Use a word three times and it is yours." Let us increase our vocabulary by mastering one word each day. Today's word: CONTEMPORARY; existing or occurring at the same time, achievements in the words, "What 'He collected his notes from a temporary historian."

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

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BLESSING OR CURSE — "Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse: A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the Lord your God... a curse, if ye will not obey." Deut. 11:26, 27, 28.

PRAYER—I will delight myself, O God, in Thy statutes; I will not forget Thy word.

HERMIT

Sonia Ruthel Nevak, in New York Times

I will build a castle Where the four winds meet. And the four will grovel At my staying feet!

I will fashion a shrine On the highest peak. Where the goats can't climb Nor the eagles seek!

I will carpet my hall With the woven sky, And I'll fill my lamps With the stars close by.

I will tuff my bed With a cloud of white, And I'll kiss the face Of the grieving Night.

I will capture the curve Of a rainbow ring, And I'll wind myself In the lovely thing.

I will thus forget All the world beneath, And I'll take my soul From its rusty sheath.

Then I'll polish its blade On the rim of the sun, And I'll laugh and leave With the task undone!

When the valleys are soft With a peachblow touch, I will fasten my castle, And I'll promise it much.

Then I'll hasten me down To the earth to stay, For I can't be held On a peak in May!

example of irony since the worshippers of Baal were told to "Cry aloud for the 'is a god.' I am, Sir, etc., Anti-HUMBURG.

OLD AGE PENSIONS

Sir,—What are our prospective members going to do about the Old Age Pensions, are they going to take that all-important measure and make it an issue or a plank in their platform at the approaching election, or are they going to keep quiet, (say nothing about it), and allow the best thing that ever engaged public opinion to be legislated upon solely by members of the western provinces? What do we send members to Ottawa for but to do their utmost and vote in favour of measures calculated to do the most good for the whole Dominion? All the people that I have been talking with without exception say it is a good thing to provide for those who have no means of providing for themselves and who are completely broken down from hard work and the ills human nature are heir to. It is far want of thinking the matter over, that most people don't realize the necessity of providing for their weaker brethren, for we are all brothers and sisters according to God's law. Some people may say "I am not my brother's keeper why should I help maintain those who have outlived their usefulness. I have my business to attend to and all my other functions to attend to and have not time to bother with them," forgetting that we are in duty bound to help one another. Let our would-be members both federal and local take a retrospective view of the matter and inform themselves of how much money it takes to maintain all the infirmities throughout Canada and I imagine they would come to the conclusion that the money spent on those institutions would go a long way towards the pensions fund. The people who are obliged to go to the infirmaries go there against their will, they don't feel at home owing to the overcrowded state of the institutions and strange companions. Now that we are approaching a general election I feel confident that the candidate or candidates who will exercise their talents to help gain the pension, will not be left behind when the ballots comes to be counted. Canada is the richest part of the British empire all things being equal, but Australia is one ahead so far as old age pensions are concerned. As most people know the Old Age Pensions Bill was passed by the late Government but was rejected by the senate. Don't be discouraged at that try try again boys; you will succeed at last. I am, Sir, etc., OBSERVER.

EGG LAYING CONTEST.

There was a gain of 39 eggs over the previous week. Mrs. Frank Halliday's pen of Barred Rocks No. 13 led with 52.7 points (50 eggs). Mr. Almon Boswell's White Wyandottes were second for the week with 47.9 points (41 eggs). Mr. G. F. Connor's White Leghorns were third with 46.9 points (52 eggs). The Experimental Station hen No. 117 leads the contest with 187 points (196). Mr. Harold Laird's hen No. 143 is second with 186.8 points (160 eggs). Mr. Joseph Carmichael's hen No. 188 is third with 181.1 points (155 eggs). The standing of the pens are as follows:

Table with columns: Points, Eggs. Rows: First, Everett Howatt 1847.1 1283; Second, Harold Laird 1840.3 1294; Third, Expt. Station, No. 1 1298.9 1461; Fourth, Talmage Foster 1281.8 1430; Fifth, Mrs. F. Halliday, 1228.7 1233; Sixth, G. F. Connor, 1225.0 1430; Seventh, Harry Hyde, 1199.3 1089; Eighth, Expt. Station No. 4 1168.7 1349; Ninth, Mrs. F. McIntyre

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