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A CALAMITY

Much sympathy will be felt for Hon. J. A. MacDonald, Minister of Public Works, in the loss he has sustained in the destruction of his fine, almost new, three masted schooner "Anna MacDonald".

Mr. MacDonald's loss is a very heavy one, the vessel being practically new, having been built at Cardigan in 1920 at a cost of \$37,000 and insured for only \$7,000.

A DECEIVER

There has been standing in the general waiting room of the Charlottetown Railway depot an innocent looking penny in the slot weighing machine which has already victimized a number of people and will likely continue its work until it is put out of business.

The machine is evidently a politician of the present federal variety as its sole purpose is to make promises which it is powerless to fulfil. It promises to weigh but when the penny is dropped in the slot the only reply from the machine is the reverberating echo of the penny as it wanders along the empty corridors down to the capacious maw below, where the accumulations of the day or the week await redemption by the operator.

A BLIGHTING GOVERNMENT

There are no people on earth who have more reason for faith in their country and the greatness of its future than the Canadian people. No other country has a richer heritage of natural resources.

Notes By The Way

On September 2nd the federal bye-election in Montreal and Rimouski will take place and on October 7th a third federal bye-contest will take place in Northumberland, N. B.

The three seats in question were held by Liberal members before they became vacant. For forty years past Northumberland has sent a Liberal representative to the House of Commons.

Governments do not time elections to suit the Opposition as a rule. The King Government has chosen to fill three of the five seats now vacant in advance of the other two, prudently selecting three in which Liberal chances are believed to be best.

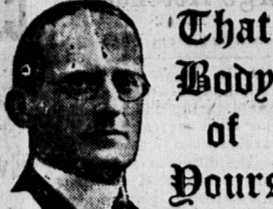
Much depends upon the result of these contests, which can hardly fail to give some indication of the drift of political opinion in both the urban and rural constituencies.

The Government is feeling its way blindly and with faltering steps. The Premier's promise that there will be no general election this year means nothing, though probably it may be kept to the letter, which would prevent an election being held in January next.

As to what may happen within three months, or what he may be compelled to do within that time, he knows as little as the man in the street or his uniformed office boy.

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market. Canada has had some experience of disaster, sometimes in the form of crop damage, sometimes as devastation by forest fire, sometimes as the result of storm and flood.



By James W. Barton, M.D.

REMOVING THE CAUSE.

It has been interesting to follow the trend of the physicians and research men who have been investigating goitre.

Twenty years ago these men thought that the enlargement was always due to too much lime in the drinking water.

Then for a while goitre was blamed for the condition of the heart, because the thyroid gland is a regulator of different functions of the body.

But research men have gone even further now, and state that just as poisonous substances manufactured in the teeth, tonsils, and nose are causing joint and muscular disturbances, so also do they affect the glands and other organs of the body.

That is, that the same poisonous condition that affects the heart, affects the thyroid gland also.

It is for this reason that often where the physician was doing everything to help the general condition of the goitrous patient with a badly acting heart, that the removal of bad teeth and tonsils, the clearing up of some chronic nose or ear condition, or a sluggish liver and intestine, he has had the great satisfaction of getting a complete cure of the heart and goitrous condition.

It is a great idea to get all such poisons out of the system by baths, perspiration, and the cleansing of the intestines.

It is a greater idea to prevent the manufacture of these poisons by removing the cause.

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

SONG OF THE SUMMER RAIN.

When the winds of dawn go sadly, We sit and sigh and a moan, Through the dusty, dewless verdure of the plain, They are calling to a comrade, for they will not sing alone;

Wooling, pleading, hear them say, "Come and dance with us today! We will sing our newest, loveliest refrain."

But our music all is dumb, Harps are muted till you come, Blessing-laden, gracious Lady of the Rain."

They have called her, now they listen; all the breezes hold their breath. Shall the lover-winds of summer woo in vain? Not a whisper, not a murmur! Woods and fields are still as death;

Birds are faint, and blossoms languish for the rain. Hark! a low mysterious sound Rises tremulous from the ground: 'She is coming with the tempest in her train.'

Herald winds are hugging clear; Leaflets quiver as in fear; "Oh, deal gently with us, Lady of the Rain!"

Germany May Adopt The Dollar Coinage

The dollar an international coin? The proposal of the Federal Reserve Board that Germany adopt the dollar basis has stirred opposition in Europe.

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The huge resulting demand must have found the Count wide awake and ready to do business, for in a few years his silver pieces, bearing a likeness to their maker charging in full armor on a caparisoned steed, began to pervade all the markets of Europe.

They lost their name in their travels, however, and found a shorter one. People came to call them "Joachimsthalers," and then simply "dalers."

in parts of the Low Countries, "doliders" in Antwerp, and in Spain "dollars." Thus our dollar derives its name from the German word "thal," meaning "valley," or "dale," or "dell," and having no monetary significance whatever.

There was no effective trademark law to protect the name. Before long other coiners of money began to pay tribute to the dollar's popularity by turning out dollars of their own.

One of these competitors had a peculiar and unprecedented advantage. This was the Spanish monarch; he had acquired in Peru and Mexico the richest silver mines that the world had ever known.

The Spanish colonial mints began early in the sixteenth century to coin silver pieces resembling the Joachimsthaler in weight and shape.

They had about the same quantity of silver as that maintained in the United States silver dollar until the last war. Their name indicated that they were worth eight Spanish reales. For short, they were usually called pesos in Spanish lands.

But elsewhere the name of the dollar clung to them.

Spanish Dollars

The Spanish peso or dollar went everywhere. It worked its way up into the English colonies of North America. These suffered from an insufficiency of currency so great that in Virginia, for example, tobacco by the pound was used in place of cash.

Spain, meanwhile, was turning loose a seemingly endless supply of coined silver, and this reached the moneyless portions of the New World.

The English colonies, on account of their connection with the Mother Country, reckoned their finances in pounds and shillings, yet a traveller in Connecticut, remarked as early as 1704, that Spanish dollars were commonly used for considerable payments in cash.

Spain thus supplied the standard coin of our first national currency. American continental currency came to grief after the Revolution, but the habit of the dollar grew more firmly fixed. Even so, the pound and the shilling remained the lawful money of Connecticut until 1796, several years after the adoption of the Constitution of Federal dollar coinage.

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Under various names in a number of countries the Spanish dollar or peso has survived the fall of the Spanish Empire.

Many of these countries have, like the United States, provided against the depreciation of silver by changing to the gold basis.

The pesos of Argentina and Venezuela and the gourde of Haiti have a value of 96 2/3 cents in our money. The Uruguayan peso is worth 1/103rd Canada's dollar has the same value as the American.

So has that of Newfoundland, though until recently it was worth a cent and a half more. Perhaps the most curious dollar of the lot, on account of its remote home, is the talari of Abyssinia. It preserves a modified form of the name that originated in Joachimsthal, and is worth about 97 cents.

C. N. R. SHOPS TO CURTAIL

STRAFFORD, Ont. Aug. 28.—Commencing September 1, the staff of the Canadian National Railway shops will be reduced by approximately 145 men.

The remaining employees will go on a 40 hour week, and work but three weeks a month. Announcement to this effect was made at the C. N. R. shops here this morning.

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"Oh, no, sir," said the waiter; "I've got my foot on it."

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