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An Ineffective Defence

Premier King came to the Province on Saturday, saw, but did not conquer. His meetings were characterized by a lack of spontaneous enthusiasm. There was a good deal of applause from the faithful, of course, but there was a coldness running through them that was all the more impressive because of the warmth of the weather. Premier King is an able speaker, most persuasive in his arguments, and with a vocabulary equal to almost any occasion. Notwithstanding, he could not enthuse, far less enthrall his audience. The reason was not far to seek. He came not with a message of hope, but with a plea in defence of his Government's short-comings. He was on the defensive all the time, about the only grain of hope in his two-and-a-half hours' speech in the Strand Theatre was when he promised—or rather hinted—that if he were again returned to power he would wipe out the remaining one per cent Sales Tax. A statesman with one stroke of the pen would have wiped out that nuisance tax entirely, instead of merely reducing it by half. Now, however, the politician dangles that one per cent Sales Tax before our eyes as a bribe to re-elect him!

New Zealand Butter

Premier Mackenzie King laboured for nearly half an hour on Saturday night endeavouring to justify his action in discriminating against the dairy industry in his treaty with New Zealand. With him in this particular instance it is the old story of "to excuse is to accuse." His elaborate explanation of how the dairy industry was so prosperous here four years ago that it tempted the New Zealanders to send their butter all the way across the Seven Seas to compete with us, might satisfy those who want to have an excuse for justifying the flagrant injustice to our farmers, but it will not stand close examination. Admitting without hesitation that our dairy industry was prosperous at the time the New Zealand Treaty was negotiated, what right had Premier Mackenzie King to jeopardize that prosperity by reducing the duty on New Zealand butter from 4c to 1c per lb? Was that not a deliberate attempt to swamp our butter market with outside competition? If it were not, was it not an instance of gross incompetence in handling the tariff? Premier Mackenzie King implied that he never thought the New Zealanders would be induced to send their butter so far afield for a market; why, then did he offer them the preference in his tariff? He says that some time ago, before the election was thought of, when he found that the tariff was endangering the dairy farmers, he ordered the abrogation of the treaty, but that it would be six months before that could be accomplished; meantime our dairy farmers must put up with the competition throughout the whole of the coming winter.

There is just this to be said in refutation of Premier King's explanation: It is more than two years now since the National Dairy Council appealed to him to have the treaty amended, "in the best interests of the dairy industry of Canada," and he turned them down so cold and unsympathetically that the Liberal press, including the Patriot, held out absolutely no hope of the butter duty being increased; indeed, on the eve of the election the Patriot deliberately informed its readers that if the Liberal Party went to the pentitent bench and adopted a protective policy it would be committing suicide.

In view of these facts and pre-budget assertions what reliance can be placed on Premier Mackenzie King's explanation? None whatever other than an election gesture in order to secure the dairy farmers'

votes, notwithstanding that New Zealand butter is still coming in in shiploads to compete with them now and throughout the winter, and perhaps next summer as well.

Mr. King And Pensions

One thing is settled by Premier King's visit here; we are to get no old age pensions from the Liberal Government unless we tax ourselves for them. Mr. Bennett has pledged the Conservative party if returned to power, to make old age pensions entirely a Federal measure—the only just and equitable manner of treating a National question. Mr. King at best suggests the proposal as worth considering, although he has deliberately gone on record against the nationalization of pensions. He boasts of the status of Canada as a nation, but it is curious how he endeavors on every possible opportunity to avoid national responsibilities by shifting them on to the shoulders of the provinces. Old Age Pensions are undoubtedly a national liability and the Federal Government is fully entitled to provide for them. But what is Mr. King's attitude regarding his responsibilities? He deliberately refuses to recognize them, declaring that to give money to the provinces for old age pensions would be a "thoroughly vicious principle." What hope then can the people of this Province have of old age pensions if voting for Mr. King's candidates? The only chance we have of ever realizing our old age pension scheme is by electing Mr. Bennett to power.

A Poor Compliment

It was plainly to be seen that Mr. Mackenzie King was labouring under a grave disadvantage in explaining why he turned down the elected choice of Prince Edward Island for the Ministry of Fisheries, and selected instead his own favorite. He realizes now, when it is too late, that he made a serious tactical blunder in deliberately flouting the claims of Mr. Jenkins and Mr. MacLean, and insisting upon the selection of Dr. Cyrus Macmillan. Mr. Jenkins is a business man, who, if good enough to represent the county, is surely good enough to administer a department. He had in his constituency one of the best fishing areas in the Province and during the past four years could have been of some service to it in the capacity of Minister. Then there is Mr. MacLean, a practical lobster packer, familiar with every branch and avenue of fisheries, representing a large fishing population, yet his undoubted claims on his leader were turned down. And why? Because, Mr. King told the people on Saturday, Mr. Duff wanted the job as representing Nova Scotia, and British Columbia wanted it, and it would not do to offend either, so he decided to ignore all the sitting members and bring in a brand new Minister on the following logical reasoning: The Duncan Commission, of which Dr. Cyrus Macmillan was a member, recommended a separate deputy minister as well as a separate minister. Dr. Cyrus Macmillan having been a member of both commissions, why not then appoint him to the ministry thus recommended? It did not seem to occur to the Prime Minister that the Minister he selected should first be the chosen of the electorate.

Our Claims, Forsooth!

Does anyone who was in the audiences, or who heard Mr. King at their own homes on Saturday, know what are our prospects of getting our claims satisfactorily settled? The in-

Notes By The Way

It costs 2.37 cents more a mile to drive over rough roads than over good pavements. When a motorist travels 10,000 miles a year over rough roads it costs him just \$237 more than if he were going over paved highways. Just what it costs to drive over Prince Edward Island roads these days in excess of what it ought to cost, it would be difficult—perhaps impossible to estimate.—Notwithstanding eulogies on the present satisfactory conditions of the roads, it is generally conceded that, at this season of the year our roads are the roughest we have had in many years.

John Arthur Dewar, who became a millionaire, on the death of his uncle the famous London distiller has no intention of giving up work. He said: "If you stop working you might as well be dead. It is work that makes life worth living. Hard work never killed anyone—and work keeps the brain and body active."

Does the stock market inspire business or does business set the direction and the pace for the stock market? That is a question as difficult to answer as that ancient riddle about the order in which the chicken and the egg came. The latter still worries the scientists, and the other keeps the economists divided into two schools of thought and theory.

Back of the puzzling situation probably is the fact that memories of the crash last fall will not vanish and that it is easier to put paralyzing fear into the minds of the people than to get it out.

There is increasing evidence in the country that the people are disgusted with the Government's cold-blooded opportunist course, with the capacity of ministers to swallow their own principles and recant their own professions—in short, with their acrobatic performances on the fiscal tight rope; with their eagerness to be all things to all men; with their disregard of both Canadian and Imperial interests. A man cannot preach free trade one day and practice protection the next without losing both face and caste. The people do not trust that kind of politician.

To those who listened to Mr. King's advocacy of Senate reform in 1925, the appointment of seven Senators during the present election campaign is not inspiring. Taking these selections on the further count, once so strongly upheld in Liberal circles, that members of Parliament with Senatorial aspirations were incapable of exercising a proper parliamentary judgment, the recent seven appointments to the Upper Chamber as an anomaly. We heard that protest from 1911 to 1921 says the Winnipeg Tribune.

This aspect is Mr. King's affair but it is inseparable in the nature of things from the larger question of Senate reform as was preached, but was never practiced by the Premier, during the past five years his administration has been in office.

The hazards of football and the wonder that it does not produce more serious accidents were once emphasized by "Brink" Thorne, the old Yale football player, who has just died. Charging into the line one day in practice, he was going so fast and was struck so hard by an opposing player who dove at him below the knee that he performed the possibly unparalleled feat of turning a complete somersault in the air, still holding onto the ball, landing on his feet and continuing his run.

ference to be drawn from his remarks on the subject was that one of the reasons why he wanted Dr. Cyrus Macmillan in his cabinet was to have someone at his elbow who would tell him exactly what these claims were. We are not surprised that Mr. Mackenzie King is muddled and puzzled over our claims, for our Provincial Government is entirely at sea on the subject. The members of the Government presented him with both a "memorial" and a "pamphlet" which they claimed were equally authentic, and yet which differed as the poles asunder. The one Premier Lea fathered provides for an additional annual subsidy of \$3,250,000 besides a cash payment of \$200,000. It would take a Philadelphia lawyer to explain the details of Premier Lea's claim, and with all due deference to Premier King, Dr. Cyrus Macmillan is no Philadelphia lawyer. The Rt. Hon. gentleman will have to think of some other explanation for his delay in satisfying our claims; besides it should not be necessary for His Majesty's Government to have a handpicked representative at its table when the free choice representative

That Body of Hours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

THINKING AND ACTING QUICKLY.

For a number of years it has been my privilege to examine amateur and professional boxers before they enter the ring, during the bout, and also after the bout.

The main reason is to make sure that they are in condition to go the three or four round demanded of amateurs, or the ten to fifteen rounds of the professionals.

In all important bouts the amount of 'road' work, slow running on the road, in early morning, is the point we watch most carefully because this means two things.

1st. The boxer is in earnest about his training or he wouldn't do this hard grinding run for miles every morning.

2nd. This slow running will leave his heart and lungs in such good condition, that, barring accidents, he should be able to box the required number of rounds.

However there is another point of interest to the medical examiner that has not much to do with health, and that is the boxer's ability to strike fast or to ward off a blow fast.

This can only be attained by boxing in a gymnasium, and if we find that he is a little slow in his attack or just a little late in defending a blow, we know that he has not been doing faithful work with his boxing partners.

Because the difference between the trained athlete and one who is not in good training is just a matter of 'time.'

For from the time that the boxer decides to lead or strike a blow until it is done is just a fraction of a second. By strict training and practice he can reduce the time that this takes so that (unless the other boxer is just as fast), as he sees the blow coming, he will be able to land the blow.

Similarly in defending himself, as he sees the blow coming, his brain tells his arms, legs and body what to do, and he has his defence ready when the blow comes.

His 'mind' is thus trained to think fast, and his body to act fast, as ordered by the brain.

Now why do I talk about this? Because with your boy or girl, you may be wondering if you are wise in letting them play games.

You admit the value physically, and recognize that they help the 'ri' or boy morally by learning to give and take, and respect the other person's rights, but you've never thought of their value from the standpoint of quick thinking and quick acting.

And it is this quick thinking and quick acting.

And it is this quick acting that may mean much to that boy or girl in everyday life. Circumstances may arise wherein that fraction of a second may mean his or her life or the life acquired playing games, of others.

A quick thinking and quick acting body is a wonderful asset.

The Poets' Corner

SKY SONG.

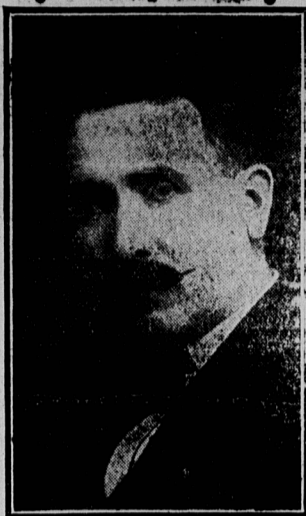
The winds began a cadenced overture.—  
An under-one of throbbing, pulsing beat,  
A movement that engendered phrases glad,  
Rare notes transposed to higher pitch and sung  
By all the listening air to every ear.  
The story of a new and brighter Spring  
Is played to major and harmonic chords,  
And in the breathless intervals, flushed blooms  
And humming-bees and lyric-sounding trees  
With incremental repetition sing.  
Until the music from each growing thing,  
And treble trill from skylark and the thrush,  
Are caught by vibrant hill, and upward rise  
In soft symphonic measure to the skies.

—Marcia Lewis Leach in New York Times

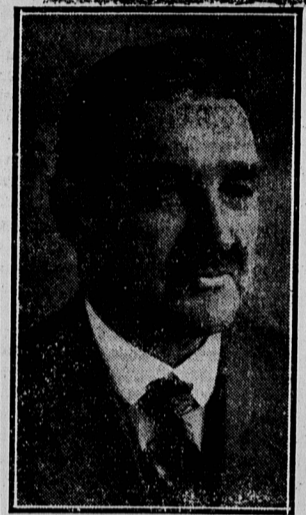
of the people could have done equally as well.

Like the explanation about New Zealand butter, the explanation of our subsidy delay will not stand investigation.

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"Ye Merrie May-Day"

What Charles Lamb calls the "all-sweeping besom of social reform" has swept the oldtime scenes of May-time gaiety to limbo, albeit in sundry remote nooks of Old England, perchance, still prevails the custom of paying some homage to the high and ancient traditions of this rural festival. If the scholars are any guide, May Day sports are a legacy of the Roman habit of the populace proffering regards to the goddess Flora. If the poets can be trusted, May Day celebrations have been in vogue of English soil ever since the Bluff King Hal and his Katherine rode out amid a fine company of lords and ladies to Shooter's Hill, and there met a found band of archers dressed in Lincoln green and led by "Robin Hood," forsooth, who invited the courtly cavalcade to enter the woodlands, and be crowned with blossoms and frayed with venison and wine. Which thing did hugely please Their Majesties; and at the end of the day, about sunset, they met on the road a flowery car in which rode "Lady May," attended by many beautiful damsels, who broke into a chorus of sweet song as they welcomed Queen Katherine at the foot of Shooter's Hill. And so proceeded the royal party until they came to Greenwich Palace. A typical if quaint picture of "bringing in the May," the custom which was observed in divers sorts throughout the spacious days of Good Queen Bess, and continued long afterwards, and has left its fair mark upon English art and poetry. As to the former, it is enough to take a glimpse of the Cruikshank plates or the exquisite engraving of Goodhall's "The raising of the Maypole." Nor have the poets failed to add their moiety to the "month that singeth on the spray." There is plenty of such atmosphere in Chaucer, Shakespeare, Tennyson, Goldsmith's "Sweet Auburn."

"And all the village train from labor free  
Led up their sports beneath the spreading tree,  
And from the Puritan Milton comes one of the most charming lyrics ever penned about this beautiful festival—

"The flowery May, who from her green lap throws  
The yellow cowslip and the pale primrose."

What time the crowfoot scatters its gold and fiddle-head ferns open their little fists in the cool shades, and hedgerows are fragrant with breath of the hartshorn bloom, and the cuckoo sounds forth her bell-like peal over the rejoicing landscape, the folk of Old England heartily gave themselves up to the festive spirit of the season. May Day was made a national holiday.

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THE LAND WE LOVE  
By FRANK LEIGH

CLEAR GRITS

Q. Who were the Clear Grits in Canadian politics?  
A. The Clear Grits formed the Radical wing of the Reform party in Upper Canada. They correspond to the Rouge party in Lower Canada. David Christie was credited with originating the name. "We want, he told George Brown, 'only tacks who are Clear Grit.'" Among the leaders of the group were Christie, Caleb Hopkins, Dr. John Rolph, James Leslie and William McDougall. Brown was for some years a bitter opponent of the Clear Grits and their policy, but afterwards became their leader. They advocated universal suffrage, vote by ballot, biennial parliaments, free trade and direct taxation, secularization of the Clergy Reserves, abolition of Primogeniture, and various reforms in legal administration.

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