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DIFFICULT, SURE!

Truly, as Mr. J. P. Gordon in his excellent lecture the other night remarked, "Canada is a difficult country to govern!" The government recently secured the services of an Auditor General worth \$15,000 a year to take the place previously occupied by men who measured up to a capacity of only \$7,000. After a few months vacation in England for the purpose of preparing himself physically, mentally and financially, he returned to Ottawa and began his arduous duties. Being a thorough going man and drawing a salary of \$1250 a month, he naturally wanted to show results. He, at the outset, found too much and being a man of prominence, as any man worth \$15,000 a year ought to be, he did not hide his prominence under a bushel. He told the newspapers what he had found and that was the beginning of a row that for a time at least threatened a disruption between the official and his \$15,000 salary. The correspondence between the Auditor General and his chief, the Acting Finance Minister has been tabled in the House of Commons and the fireworks are still in progress. The Acting Finance Minister wrote the Auditor General on February 23 drawing his attention to a newspaper article which he said "was evidently forwarded on your introduction to the report of the Auditor General, 1924, and prominently displaying in the headlines two disturbing criticisms of my department."

The Auditor General had found that large sums of arrears were due the government and being new to his job, referred to these arrears in his report. The Acting Minister of Finance told him in effect that former Auditors-General had known of these arrears but had the good sense to say nothing about them and now, those mischievous newspapers had got hold of it and were "disturbing my department." To this the Auditor General replied somewhat curtly that he knew the duties of his office. Just what the outcome will be cannot be guessed at this distance, but the affair is a gentle warning to government officials not to find out too much or, if they do to say nothing, especially to the newspapers. This is not the first time the newspapers got governments into trouble, nor is it the first time that they saved the public from the hiding propensities of wary department heads.

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

Next Tuesday, March 17, will be Saint Patrick's Day and in all civilized lands men of all nationalities will unite with their Irish brethren in commemorating the birthday of the great Irish saint. The celebration will consist of religious services, parades by Irish Societies and various forms of entertainment. In this city there will be the usual street parades and church services in the forenoon, but the great event of which all citizens are eagerly looking forward is the entertainment in the Prince Edward Theatre in the evening and which will be continued on Wednesday evening. This entertainment will be staged by Mr. J. Austin Trahan and will be under the auspices of The Benevolent Irish Society. Mr. Trahan's reputation in this class of work is a sufficient guarantee of the success and the enjoyableness of the entertainment which will consist of the three act comedy drama, "The Kerry Road" which is full of real Irish wit and humor and is bound to be thoroughly enjoyable from start to finish. Between acts there will be Irish dances, Irish songs and Irish music under the direction of Mr. Albert Blanchard. As is customary the proceeds of the entertainment will be for benevolent purposes, in itself a strong plea for generous patronage from all classes of citizens.

Another plea for generous patronage by our citizens is the fact that the entertainment is being put on and conducted throughout by local talent and that the best there is. We sometimes get it into our heads that we must import talent in order to make a public entertainment a success. This has more than once proved a fallacy and it should be the aim of every citizen to prove that we have just as good talent here as any that can be imported, with the rare exception of the few stars of world wide fame who occasionally pay us a fleeting visit and take our money. We have talent at home, lots of it, and the way to develop it is to encourage it and to patronize it. We also have our local needs for benevolent purposes. In helping an entertainment of this kind we are helping our own and "charity begins at home."

Let one and all secure their tickets for Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and encourage our talent and our benevolences.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The operation under which Premier Armstrong has to go is for an affection of the nose and not at all serious.

So McGill is going to have Recreational elections. A great opportunity for student fights and frolics. In Scotland the triennial rectoral elections are the red letter days of university life.

It will be noted the whole amount voted to cover the expenses of the Jamaica's delegation to the conference at Ottawa in May is \$7,500—exactly half the estimated cost of Mr. T. W. R. Preston's visit to London to arrange the Million-and-a-quarter dollars subsidy to Peterston.

The new \$15,000 auditor general, Mr. Georges Gonthier, is being abused by the Government that appointed him and defended by the Montreal financiers because he saw fit to draw attention to some \$51,000,000 uncollected arrears of the National Railways. Politics makes strange bedfellows, but any one who adversely criticizes, from any angle, the National Railways is always sure of favoured guest room in the Montreal Star.

We are afraid the Mayor of Halifax and the Mayor of Winnipeg are destined to come to blows the first time they cross one another's path. His Worship of Halifax on the occasion of the historic delegation to Ottawa threatened the secession of the Maritimes unless attention was paid to their needs. Now his Worship of Winnipeg rises to remark that "the man who gets up and urges secession should have a good punch in the jaw." If this be not treading on the tail of Mayor Murphy's coat, words have no meaning.

How many of our successful politicians would like to be in the happy position of President Coolidge who has ordered the arrest of a Jewish Rabbi and his seventy elders who have been pestering him for the fulfillment of pre-election promises alleged to have been made by his candidates during the election. On the alleged promise of being recouped by the Republican Party, the Rabbi and his church officers got into the Republican wagon at a considerable financial cost to them. Then when accounts came to be adjusted, the party ignored its alleged promises, and the Rabbi had recourse to headquarters, the President himself, Mr. Coolidge getting tired reading or receiving their appeals has ordered the Rabbi's arrest together with that of seventy of his elders for annoying him. If all disagreeable pre-election promises could be handled in this way, what a glorious time our candidates would have both before and after elections!

Notes By The Way

The Montreal Herald is of the opinion that Hon. Mackenzie King is the one man in Canada who could settle the trouble in the Cape Breton mines if he could be spared from Ottawa. This serves to remind us that mining troubles which are so serious in Nova Scotia at the present time, seem to have increased in number and in severity since Mr. King became Prime Minister. Strikes and lock-outs with their attendant unemployment, suffering, loss and cost are very serious matters. But, if these disturbances are shown to increase, as appears to be the case under King government, it would seem to argue not that Mr. King would be a good man to settle the trouble, but the reverse.

Premier King could be spared from Ottawa in an emergency. That has been many times demonstrated. When, for instance, a by-election has occurred, even in the most distant parts of the Dominion—Cape Breton on the Atlantic or Yale on the Pacific—he has gone promptly to the seat of trouble and sometimes taken half his ministerial colleagues with him to render counsel and help. He certainly could be spared from Ottawa, but neither he nor his distinguished Minister of Labor, Mr. Murdoch, whose special function it is to look after the interests of industrial workers, has appeared upon the scene of the trouble in Cape Breton.

Many thousands of miners are out of employment there and these are now added to the other thousands of the unemployed that were already idle in the cities and industrial centres of Canada. The winter season is not over. Fuel is needed in every home and factory and office and by every locomotive on our vast railway system throughout the land. Coal is so scarce in Canada that it is imported from a foreign country to the value of eighty millions of dollars yearly.

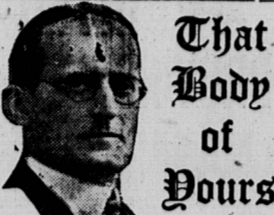
Strikes and mine troubles make coal more scarce and costly. In view of all these facts, and if Mr. King is the one best man in all the land to settle the troubles in Cape Breton, why does he not get onto the job and get busy at it? As a patriotic citizen—and if he is the man the Montreal Herald quoted by The Patriot says he is—he is bound by his duty to his country and also to the party he leads to lose no time in taking passage to Cape Breton.

Cape Breton is in Nova Scotia as everybody knows, and is under a provincial Liberal government. The Provincial Government derives a large portion of its revenue from the coal mines. It is also of the same political stripe as the King government at Ottawa. It is obvious that both federally and provincially these governments are bound to settle the trouble if they can and can find a man to do it. But so far they have done nothing more than to demonstrate "how not to do it." Helplessness in any emergency that arises, seems to be characteristic of both federal and provincial Liberal leaders.

Several things are noteworthy in the interview of those Council of Agriculture delegates with Mr. Robb. One of these is that representative farmers all over the Dominion are calling out for protection. Another is that the King Government policy has been to take away the protection the farmers have had, but the acting Minister of Finance did not combat the arguments presented. On the contrary he admitted their force.

Mr. Robb appears now to glimpse the fact that an unarmed Canada cannot contend with the American protectionist giant armed with a club. Sir John Macdonald saw that forty-five years ago when neither the giant nor his club were half as big or dangerous as they are today. The Conservative party has seen it all along. The farmers of Canada are again awakening to the fact that a club is needed to protect their field products, their meats, poultry, eggs and dairy products in their own home markets.

The farmers see this more plainly now, since at the dictation of the Progressives and the Motherwells, the King government has thrown away the club they had. Even Mr. Robb is rubbing his sleepy eyes and squinting right and left and round about him in search of the club, but all too late. The nerveless hands that threw the club away could never wield it effectively if it were found. Only in the firm grasp of resolute hands could this weapon prove its value. It would be useless in the hands of weaklings such as today are trembling and blinking helplessly in high places that should be held by men of courage.



By James W. Barton, M.D. GUILT AND HEART ACTION

The story is told of a certain schoolmaster, who used a unique method to discover the boy guilty of a misdemeanour during the master's absence. If the guilty one did not acknowledge his fault on being questioned, the entire class were ordered to form up in a single line. The teacher then walked along and counted the pulse of every boy. The one who had the fastest pulse was adjudged the guilty one.

The teacher of course informed the class that the knowledge of his guilt would make the heart beat very rapidly, and that was the way it would be detected. Now the story doesn't tell us how often he was right, or perhaps wrong, but it does call attention to the fact that the emotions do so affect the heart that its action may be quickened or become irregular.

The idea that the heart's action could be affected by the mind or nervous system was discredited a few years ago, when, unless an ordinary patient had indicated a leak in the valve, any one complaining about the heart was told that it must be something else, that was ailing them.

Of course if gas collects in the stomach, a regular ball of it may press upwards against the stomach wall then in turn against the floor of the chest, and in turn against the heart, thus actually limiting or interfering with its action. But physicians are now seeing cases daily where the nervous system itself is responsible for irregular palpitation and actual distress in the region of the heart.

Now although these conditions may not be actually dangerous to life, they are a source of anxiety to the patient, and the general health suffers in consequence.

The family physician often has considerable difficulty here, because if he attempts to quiet the patient's alarm by telling him there is really no trouble and yet the symptoms persist, someone else is consulted. If on the other hand, he gives the ordinary heart remedy to slow up and strengthen the heart beat, the patient is apt to feel that there is actually heart disease or medicine would not be given. He worries about the condition is afraid of exercise, of excitement of any kind, and the physician, not knowing of him, only makes matters worse.

Remember then that palpitation and slight irregularities are not usually dangerous, but worry and fear of them only aggravates the condition.

PRAYER:—May we, O Thou Giver of every good and perfect gift, ever seek to possess Christ in our hearts, and with Him, Thou wilt freely give us all things.

MARCH 15, 1925 THE OMNISCIENT GUIDE:—The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord. Psalm 37:23.

PRAYER:—Enable us, O Lord, to study thy word faithfully. Then it shall be a lamp to our feet and a guide to our path.

MA AND I We've had our little ups and downs, We've had our ins and outs, I know I've frowned my share of frowns

And seen her share of pouts; There's been no magic in our years To whisk despair away; We've shed our share of bitter tears And had our share of play.

Time was I wooed as lovers do, When Ma was young and fair, And she was pretty just like you With ribbons in her hair; And then there came our wedding day

When all her people cried, But choked their sobs enough to say, She made a lovely bride.

Well, that was twenty years ago, And twenty years of life, Bring nearly all there is to know Unto a man and wife; We've walked from youth to middle age.

From middle age to gray, And can't recall at any stage When magic smoothed the way.

Keen disappointments we have known, Of loss we've felt the pain, I've heard Ma use a bitter tone, She's heard my language plain; I've done my work from day to day.

Been foolish now and then, But Ma has always found the way To set things right again.

There's nothing marvelous at all About our stretch of life We were determined not to fall Apart, as man and wife; So arm in arm we've jogged along "Neath fair or cloudy sky, And here we are, still going strong, Your lovely Ma and I.

That Happenings Of The Week

SIGNS OF SPRING

Chill, penetrating air; Earlier dawn; Sooty, discolored snow Now all but gone; Rain flooding city streets, Renovating— Sun polishing fresh Pane and gratings.

In every florist shop Flowers profuse, Gay blooms, that delicate Perfume diffuse, Birds chirping merrily, Welcoming home Patrician relatives From southern roam.

Felicitous-frequent-fence, Just to the rear Of my open window; Nightly I hear Noises, that indicate Life is a stir; Winter's nearly over— Would that it were.

—G. W. M. S.

Dr. Jacob Gould Schurman, United States minister to China and former President of Cornell University, is President Coolidge's probable choice for the diplomatic post at Berlin, made vacant by the transfer of Ambassador Houghton to London. Senator Wadsworth (R. N. Y.) and Charles Hilles, New York National Committeeman, New York presented Dr. Schurman's name at the White House and the state department and found it favourably received. White House officials were guarded in their statements respecting the probable elevation of Dr. Schurman, who has wished to leave China for his health. It was understood some time ago that he was under consideration for a South American diplomatic assignment. Dr. Schurman was in Washington last fall and reported on the uprisings in China, the importance of which he minimized. He is regarded an able diplomatic representative and New York Republicans seeking his appointment understand he had been under serious consideration. President Coolidge did not say whom he would name, but it is now believed Dr. Schurman has the best chance for the post. (Dr. Schurman is a native of Prince Edward Island and was one time on the faculty of Dalhousie University.)

The prevailing cold has largely interrupted all forms of social activities just now and there was very little entertaining of any kind this week.

Sir Andrew MacPhail and daughter, Mrs. Lionel M. Lindsay, and brother Mr. J. G. MacPhail are spending three weeks in Bermuda.

The Misses Bagnall who have been visiting friends in Hunter River, are spending the week end in the city the guest of Miss Williams. Miss Eva Bagnall is leaving shortly for her home in Auckland, New Zealand, while Miss Margaret will remain over for sometime.

Mrs. Borden who has been visiting her home here has returned to Boston. Her mother Mrs. J. J. MacKinnon is in Sherbrooke, Que., where she was present at the MacKinnon-Kelly nuptials on Saturday last.

The engagement of Miss Frances Rogers of Alberton and Mr. Nelson W. Corner of Cleveland, Ont., is being pleasantly discussed by her numerous friends here.

Mr. H. C. Christie, Jr., of Toronto, is in St. John visiting his father, Mr. H. C. Christie who was operated on in the General Public Hospital on Sunday. Mr. Christie's condition is reported from the institution to be very favorable.

Master George Raymond, son of Rev. and Mrs. H. D. Raymond, was quiet seriously ill this week the result of a severe cold caught while skating.

Another popular young bank clerk, Mr. Allison Webster of the Commerce, has been very ill all week of pneumonia.

The Rev. Canon Osborne Troop who has so many friends here celebrated his 71st birthday on Sunday last.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Thompson and family of Montague on the death of Mr. George A. Thompson which occurred so suddenly on Wednesday.

Mrs. Lockhart Porter, left Thursday for her home in Bridgewater, N. S., after a pleasant three weeks visit to her home here.

It is estimated that upwards of five thousand four hundred persons were present at the services in con-

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.

APPRECIATION

Sir—Here's to dear Prince Edward Island. "The land of my birth" may your beauty never die. Your people are the friendliest, you welcome to the sky. We raise aloft your standards, your colors proudly fly, for your laddies do their credit and your lassies, you can't deny, are the blossom of every season and the pride of every eye. Then praise for dear Prince Edward Island let us boost her to the sky Dame fortune has surely blessed her and had luck has passed over her by. Here's the resting place of the weary, a paradise for the sight. Then here to dear Prince Edward Island, my heart runs up with pride as I cast a gaze around to see your beauty on every side. Who can resist the calling of your luring rivers and parks? Ah yes, Mother Nature blessed you with the best from out her store, and I am proud of every corner, every beauty covered hill. "Yes, and of the beautiful Hillsborough, and the Monument new but old and still erected to bear her honor for men of old. Yes, I am proud of Prince Edward Island, and her laddies high in flight. She is the Mother of all nations and in love to her they cling. She will not forsake them, she draws them gently "neath her wing. Yes, I love you, dear Prince Edward Island, and my heart for you will yearn, when far away my footsteps long have wandered and by others we are spurned. So now in love and honor these simple lines are penned "Here's to dear Prince Edward Island, God Bless her. I am Sir, etc.

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nection with the Forty Hours Devotion this week.

On Thursday of last week Mrs. Hillard Mutart held a very enjoyable Bridge at her beautiful and commodious home on Central St., Summerside. There were seven tables. The prize winners were Mrs. W. A. Brennan, Mrs. H. H. Lefurgey and Mrs. D. R. Morrison.

Mrs. (Judge) McQuarrie, Summerside, is leaving next Tuesday morning on a month's visit to Toronto and New York.

On Tuesday evening last, Mrs. H. H. Lefurgey of Summerside, had a small but delightful arranged Bridge to celebrate the 10th anniversary of her wedding.

Planned dresses in shades of pink, blue, fawn, beige, white and the natural tan shades are very charming for spring.

Dresses and coats of navy blue kasha cloth are trimmed in bright embroidery and bright pipings.

Chiffon and georgette crepe are employed this season to make a very tailored type of frock with long sleeves and plain or fancy pockets.

Character Reading

Plump hands with a smooth skin and fairly long fingers indicate one who will make a splendid hostess. They are witty and good at small talk. Tact and a love of studying human nature are two other very strong characteristics of this type. Their mind can jump from one subject to another with great speed, and so they seem to be able to think of three or four things at the same time.

Charlottetown University Co-Ed. Leaves School To Wed

The following reference from the Tulsa World of Feb. 8th, will be of interest to her many friends in her home city.

Announcement was made last week of the marriage of Miss Miriam Gorman, up to the time of her wedding a student in the Fine Arts college of Oklahoma university, and Judge William J. Melton, Mrs. Melton is the daughter of the late John Edward Gorman and Mrs. Catherine Gorman of Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, and Back Bay, Boston, and niece of the late P. C. Murphy, Canadian senator from Prince Edward Island. She was educated at Boston high school and Wheaton seminary, and at Oklahoma university, was a member of Blue Curtain, honorary dramatic club, W. A. A. and the Women's Riding club.

Judge William James Melton, is the son of the late Henry E. Melton, banker and merchant of Alabama, and Mrs. Beulah B. Melton of Florida, a direct descendant of John Quincy Adams. He is a graduate of Stetson university in Florida, and Georgia Law school and is a member of Delta Theta Phi fraternity. Judge Melton came to Oklahoma several years ago under appointment by the late President Wilson, to assist United States district attorney for the eastern district. He was later made commissioner with headquarters in Tulsa, and two years ago was advanced by Judge Robert L. Williams to the office of special referee in bankruptcy.

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