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THE HUDSON BAY RAILWAY

The King government is committed to the completion of the Hudson Bay Railway and has voted \$3,000,000 as a starter on the work of completion. The claim is made that already 332 miles of the road is completed and only 92 miles remains. The cost therefore, we are told will be but a bagatelle out of the millions of Canada's revenue.

CAUSES OF POVERTY

A philanthropist, Dr. Benjamin Pickman Mann, has bequeathed one-fourth of his estate to the American Association for the Advancement of Science, "for the study of the causes of poverty." Evidently Dr. Mann had either discovered for himself or been told the causes of poverty and gave them a wide birth as his estate ran into the millions.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Forke-handled government is what they call it now. The City streets are particularly dirty these days. Another turn of two of the sweeps would help to get the snow away.

DUTY ON AUTOMOBILES

Advices from Ottawa indicate that the King Government has decided not to interfere with the existing duty on automobiles imported into Canada. Of course one never knows what the King government may yet be obliged to "decide." The masters of the administration, the Progressives, may or may not have participated in the alleged decision of the government.

Notes by the Way

Hon. George Bolvin, Minister of Customs and Excise, announces an increase in salaries to the majority of the employees of the Customs Department, amounting to \$80,000. That's the way the money goes!

EARLY DIAGNOSIS

Some of our physicians are of the opinion that the day will come when medicine will be an exact science, and the "healing art" will give way to "healing science."

Now, 1923 dates back three years.

But the special and permanent increase dates back to April 1, 1925. The cheques are now being made out, as an Ottawa despatch tells. That will ameliorate somewhat the hardships of the past. And this is only a beginning, of course. It affects only the Customs Department, one among some twenty departments, some smaller and others larger. The others will not have long to wait. Think you gentle and generous reader that the officials and employees of the Public Works, the Interior, the Immigration and all the twenty departments will not follow and claim equal rights with the Customs and get them too?

The revenue of the Dominion

fell off thirty millions in 1925 compared with 1924. The expenditure increased during the same time. That is, of course, regrettable, but is that any reason why the employees of the Customs Department should not be paid two years salary this year, and each of the two salaries larger than they ever were before? It cost 365 million dollars to run the Dominion last year, just a neat pattern of a million dollars a day, week days and Sundays!

Thirteen millions then, 365 millions now.

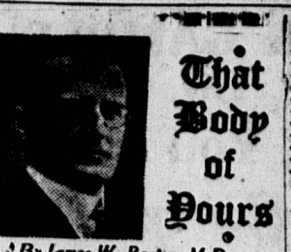
Think it over and take off your hat to the Fathers of Confederation who managed Dominion affairs on what the Nabobs at Ottawa today would call "chicken feed." They did some fairly big things too in those old days. Canada grew, bought millions of square miles of new territory, stood fourth in rank among the world's ship-owning nations and built the Canadian Pacific Railway across the continent, all while the Dominion was young. They did these things when the federal revenue was from one million to a million and a half per month.

They really did some rather big things in those old days.

Now they talk—millions and millions of words, and have them printed in Hansard, which we have to pay for, but what do they do? Spend a million a day and talk about Economy! And we, or our children, or our children's children will have to pay and pay and pay for that. What have they done in three months at Ottawa since Parliament met on January 7? In the name of all that's federal, what have they done, what are they doing?

What the difference between those old days and now is we have glimpsed at. There was leadership in the old days; there is none now.

Even the chief organ of Liberalism points out the want of leadership. There were men of vision, ability and courage at the head of affairs. But sadly wanting now. They really had some idea of economy, and patriotically applied it to themselves and in the public service then. They had higher objectives and ideals than merely to keep themselves in power by corrupt barter. But how are the times changed and the manner debased since then.



That Body of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

EARLY DIAGNOSIS. Some of our physicians are of the opinion that the day will come when medicine will be an exact science, and the "healing art" will give way to "healing science."

He wants to know about your health, if dead the cause of death. He wants to know just how your present illness came on. Was there a chill, any nausea, headache, pain in any particular place, feeling poorly for any length of time, or did it all come suddenly?

The idea behind this is certainly an advance of the old system of just treating the symptoms and watching for any unusual development.

Because, if the physician is able to recognize the exact nature of the trouble at its beginning, he will have a line of treatment with which to meet or combat it.

So many ailments seem to present almost identical symptoms at first, that if the physician can correctly recognize an ailment, he has what you might call a "flying start" in his treatment.

And so everything a doctor can learn at his first visit is important, and you shouldn't hesitate to tell him everything. There is no sense in thinking of a weakling if you tell him all your complaints. Some of these complaints may be sufficient, to give him just what he needs to complete his diagnosis.

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

April 7, 1926

THE RIGHT RESPONSE—"And Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord; and all the people said, 'All the words which the Lord hath said will we do.'" Ex. 24:3.

PRAYER—May we, O God, do right to keep Thy precepts and do Thy will.

PROBLEM FOR PARENTS

How can you make a lady of a little three-year-old? Who has a grown-up brother very rascally and bold? How can you put refinement in a little curly head?

When she much prefers her brother's rough and tumble style instead?

How can you keep her gentle, when the brother she adores is forever teaching something which the world, polite, deprecates?

We're in danger every minute that in shame our heads must hang As she hispos some startling comment in her brother's favorite slang.

For this is our dilemma. She would rather follow him. Rather do the things which he does than be lady-like and trim;

And that Bud, who has the notion that it's foolishness to wash. Thinks there's nothing quite so lovely as to hear her say: "Oh, Gosh!"

How can you make a lady of a dainty little tot When she has an idle brother teaching her what he should not?

For the things which make refinement we must struggle day by day. But she picks up in a minute all Bud teaches her to say.

Your Birthday

APRIL 7.—You are enthusiastic in planning, but not persevering in executing your plans—inclined to let "good enough" suffice for "perfect." You are fond of society, have many friends, and your judgment is very good. Your pride sometimes spoils your happiness. Your love is strong, ardent and enduring. Beware of jealousy, and a tendency to listen to gossip. Your birthstone is a diamond, which means innocence. Your flower is a daisy. Your lucky colors are red and

The Public Forum

This column is open for the discussion of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

A BRITISH CANADIAN SPEAKS

Sir—I see that the Toronto Globe and The Patriot taunt Mr. Meighan with "poor leadership" and "stupid tactics" because he, to our mind, our "claims" would with the largest group at his back still stand more firmly under the banner of the House of Commons than the Government from Mr. McKenna King. To me and I think to honest electors, generally it is slow growth. It dates from the contrary—creditable to very day we entered Confederation Mr. Meighan that he resisted the overtures of the Progressives—the third party—who were induced to come to Mr. King's rescue, as in an estimated increase of population, which has never been considered well for Mr. Meighan and well ceded to us. To put it briefly they for the Conservative Party that guessed at the increase of others, neither he nor they are under the but have kept us tied down to the dominance of the little band of actual number at each decennial Progressives as Mr. King and his census. That was a pretty small Liberal followers in Parliament way of going into debt to Prince Edward Island.

A CANADIAN BRITISHER

DAoust—DOUSED

Sir—The cancelling of the appointment of Mr. Joseph Daoust to the Tariff Advisory Board is a pitiable spectacle of Premier King's humiliating subservience to the Progressive nineteen. In his own better judgment he selected this gentleman as, from his solidity of principle and soundness of judgment, eminently fitted for this most important task of practical tariff adjustment. By an unfortunate interview he made public his views, which were well in line with the country's needs and the popular wish of all but the Progressives of the west. It would have been a wise as well as a popular appointment. It would have been of course a big feather in the cap of the Conservatives in their traditional policy of protection. Premier King, who is eagerly on the hunt for fop to bolster up his tottering fabric of government, recognized this, and grasped it as a great valuable to purloin from his opponents. But he dare not; his masters called a halt and he had, like a true soldier, to "stand at attention."

The de facto premier—Mr. Forke—had evidently not placed his "O.K." on the transaction, and when it came to his ears, through the press, or perchance in lobby gossip, he very promptly took his substitute premier in hand and gave him walking orders for Mr. Daoust and so the King appointee was doused. Another will no doubt be appointed, but next time the Hon. Mackenzie King will act with less haste and await the command of his boss before being again disciplined. How humiliating; and what a disgrace in an intelligent country!

I am, Sir, etc.

SHAME.

Reduction of Taxation STRATHROY, Ont., March 29.—Speaking on behalf of Hon. J. C. Elliott, Minister of Finance, yesterday, Right Hon. Mackenzie King forecast reduction of taxation. After outlining the various items of legislation, promised for the present session of Parliament the Prime Minister said:

"There is going to be a considerable reduction in taxation. Better times make it possible for the Government to remove some of the burden from the shoulders of the people."

The above is clear enough. And it speaks loudly enough that before they reduce taxation on the Dominion they should first pay their debt to at least Prince Edward Island.

We suppose all sorts of excuses will be set up against us. It will be contended that it would only be taking the money out of one of our pockets and placing it in the other as we now have to pay our share and would be relieved of the Dominion reduction. This is a fallacy. It has nothing to do with the haul made on us, as well as others, by the allotments of territory to already large Provinces. "The quaint old saying, "Let every tub stand on its own bottom," aptly applies here. P. E. Island has never refused to pay its share of taxes, but we have a right to demand and receive compensation for the lands we were despoiled of in the big swoop made some years ago.

Probably an effort will be made to offset our demand by conceding some extra facilities. This won't work. We have as much right to facilities as other parts of Canada. It is useless to ask us to pay twice for the little grants—little in comparison with our sister Provinces—as these are guaranteed to us in our terms of union.

South Africa

Raises Tariff

CAPE TOWN, South Africa, April 6.—Alterations in the tariff in the direction of protection were announced by the South African Minister of Finance, Hon. N. C. Havenga, in his Budget speech in the Legislature.

The duty on spirits, the minister said, would be increased from £1, 17s 6d per proof gallon to £2, 5s 0d. On ready-made clothing there would be a further 5 per cent duty, but the increased duty on ready-made clothing would be offset by a reduction in the duty on the cheaper classes of cotton and piece goods.

Hon. Mr. Havenga had the pleasure of announcing that instead of an estimated deficit of £450,000 for the past year it had turned out for man and beast.

Spring Cleaning Time

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Our Claims

Against Ottawa

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There were several other things related in the Premier's speech and party are in a position that is which we need not repeat. Under inconsistent with Canadian and these circumstances it is high time there was an accounting made, bargaining with the Progressives, pecuniary in regard to the carnival Mr. King has just now a small and of gift-making carried out in the questionable majority in the House of Commons. But we hope that the Senate will stand between it and the country's interests and prevent any greater wrong or injury living at peace with its fellow-countrymen as partners share and lions more debt may be borne, but share alike in a vast domain. It is to be hoped that the government—save the mark—will be prevented from playing into the hands and arms of the Americans.

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Some might be disposed to look on at this invasion passively, but we beg leave to sound a warning against such an attitude. This would be a dire mistake! We must not let party allegiance sway us in a matter of such vital importance to our Province. We must strike the iron while it is hot. We must act just as coolly as our big brother did when they made the great grab of western lands. The needs of this Province for more revenue, and the inevitable course of more direct taxation on the land of our farmers precludes further postponement of the collection of the Debt of Canada to P. E. Island.

Instead of looking around for new sources of revenue in this Province, the Premier has taken aim at the right spot. He says, "we'll press the Dominion for pay, ment. This is right; and why? If we could boast of large surpluses and unlimited sources of revenue, like the Government at Ottawa can do, the case would be different. But the Ottawa Government is not hard up now if we can believe their speeches and their press. They, instead of levying more taxes, as they would compel us to do, are promising to reduce taxation. We maintain that it is unfair to require the Dominion taxpayers, —millions of gallons—at the expense of this small Province. Read what Hon. Mr. King says:—

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