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ELECTION BAIT

We note by the Patriot that Mr. D. A. McKinnon, M.P., has suggested to the federal government the cleaning up of the oyster beds of this province, the work to be undertaken in conjunction with the provincial government. This cleaning up, we are informed by the Patriot, will be of vast benefit both to the oysters and to the fishermen. It will give the former an opportunity to multiply by providing a clean surface for the spat to cling to and grow into an oyster; for the latter it will afford an opportunity to fish oysters and become wealthy.

The idea is not feasible as a practical proposition for many reasons which will be quite plain to the oyster fishermen and to the financial authorities both in Ottawa and Charlottetown. As a piece of political bait, however, it might have some merit were it not for its ancestry. It comes of a bad family. It is a full brother to the Richmond Bay railway spur born just before the last local election and died prematurely immediately after the election. This spur was to run between Kensington and Malpeque, and also between two or three places in Lot 16 and the west side of Richmond Bay. On its cars of mussel mud were going to be hauled in winter, thousands of barrels of the world's best oysters were to be hauled en route to the world's best markets and the fishermen of that particular constituency were going to be rich and happy forever after.

But it was only a promise, a little promise, although it had the weight of a place in the manifesto of Premier Bell and the approval of Liberal orators at various meetings held in the Third District of Prince. The cleaning up of the Richmond Bay oyster bed at a cost of probably half a million dollars and the subsequent harvest of thousands of barrels of oysters look well on the Patriot's editorial page, on which have dangled many similar bits of tempting bait, but the fishermen are getting "cute." The "fly" is hand made and shows the handiwork of the gang that constructed the previous ones. They will not even nibble at this time.

The provincial election is to take place during the coming summer and the Bell Liberals are already preparing for it, but with the same kind of preparation with which they faced the last and with which, unfortunately they deluded many who will not be deluded again. We may expect anything from the makers of "little promises." We would not be surprised to find prospective railways staked off again, new wharves built for smelt fishers, new mussel mud plants planned for different creeks and bays around the island. No promise or no scheme is too extravagant or too ridiculous for them to make before an election but few of them are ever even mentioned after the election.

THE RUHR SITUATION

If there is any change at all in the Ruhr situation it is a change for the worse and is still causing much anxiety in Great Britain. The matter was up for discussion in the House of Commons a few nights ago. Former Premier Asquith, J. Ramsay MacDonald and one or two others strongly criticized the French policy and insisted that the British government should take a stronger line and offer mediation. Chancellor Baldwin declared that in the present state of mind both in France and Germany, intervention might easily precipitate a more prolonged and

struggle. The government had, at the suggestion of Premier Poincaré, adopted a policy of non-intervention and this policy they decided to follow until the psychological moment arrived when their good offices would be accepted both by France and Germany.

In the meantime France is extending her area of occupation in Germany, compelling submission to her dictation, collecting fines wherever and whenever occasion permits or demands. The Germans are divided on the question of asking for intervention and also on the question of armed resistance. Lives have been sacrificed, property has been damaged and the general industrial situation has been demoralized. How it will end it would be useless to guess.

THE CITY STREETS

The streets, without much blame to anyone, are in a wretched condition. The accumulated filth of the long winter now covers them and for sleighing purposes they are little if any better than bare ground. This will be so increasingly as the two or three feet of snow now covering them gives way to the spring sun and rain. It would cost but little to flush this filth into the sewers or otherwise dispose of it. This would help the sun and the rain to clean them up; it would also help to make waterways to the sewers and so permit the water on the sidewalks to escape. A little shovelling of the snowbanks on the street sides would also help to hasten the coming of spring.

THE ONE FOUNDATION

Disraeli said: "Public health is the foundation upon which rest the happiness of the people and the power of the State. Take the most beautiful kingdom, give it intelligent and labouring citizens, prosperous manufacturers, productive agriculture; let arts flourish, let architects cover the land with temples and palaces; in order to defend all these riches, have first-rate weapons, fleets of torpedo boats—if the population remains stationary, if it decreases yearly in vigour and in stature, the nation must perish. That is why I consider that the first duty of a statesman is the care of Public Health."

EDITORIAL NOTES

The sidewalks now are veritable canals. Some at least of them might be improved by a little attention.

The Patriot is again afloat in a sea of badly muddled figures, but it has never ventured to tell how that alleged deficit of \$253,000 was disposed of, whether paid, funded or hung up. Why not give this little bit of information?

Now that the legislature has resumed and the Public Accounts are to be accounted for, heavy winds and broken weather may be looked for. The past year's surplus will no doubt raise a storm when it reveals itself as a huge deficit.

"He never did a good darg (day's work) who began by grumbling" says an old Scotch proverb. The Bell government began by grumbling about the "empty treasury;" they grumbled that there was not even a "scrap of paper" or one or two others strongly criticized the French policy and insisted that the British government should take a stronger line and offer mediation. Chancellor Baldwin declared that in the present state of mind both in France and Germany, intervention might easily precipitate a more prolonged and

Notes by the Way

We have had a record-breaking winter, yet we know that spring is near. The sun mounts higher in the sky from day to day. Spring is coming though winter lingers in its lap, the biting and chilling blasts still sweeping over the wide wastes of snow as the mercury flirts with zero. What a winter it has been—al records broken for intense and prolonged cold, for storms for mountain drifts for obstructed transportation, for fullness of trades, for coal prices and coal consumption! Even in April we have something of the rigor of mid winter with delayed trains and mails, with the towering drifts now hardened into hills of ice. But yet we know that spring is near.

Is there not a parallel to this in the Bell regime? That, too, has been a chilling experience a record-breaking, adding new burdens and terrors to frost and cold and snow. And not for a few brief months, but for three years and a half since September, 1919 when this oppressive incubus came upon us to crush out heart and hope from thousands of our people! Have not thousands fled before it as from a plague? And all too soon. Pain would we have had them stay. For the spring time is at hand. The fate of the spoilers is sealed; the Bell government is doomed. But alas, the evil that men do lives after they are gone. For not only have they broken all records of added debts and taxes, but have done and are doing their utmost to make it impossible to throw off the crushing burdens they have laid upon our shoulders.

Even the ruined gambler at Monte Carlo, seeking to retrieve his losses as he stakes his last dollar may perhaps console himself with the thought that the dollar is his own. Not so our political gambler of today. It is not their money that they risk so recklessly in hundreds of thousands. It is the hard-earned money of the taxpayers. These gamblers cannot lose. And neither can the people or the public treasury gain a dollar of revenue at the best from the gambler. But the taxpayers must meet the bills. They must make good the money, borrowed by these reckless gamblers and for which the revenues are mortgaged for twenty years to come.

The cost of the roads so far "improved" is now by forced confession admitted to be \$1900 per mile. And every day in every way fewer taxpayers and they with more limited means to shoulder the burden. Are they mad, these road gamblers? No! They are merely playing their political game with loaded dice. Shall we not rather say the electors would be mad if they do not huri these reckless tricksters from their seats at the first opportunity! As we have before stated and proved Premier Drury himself a lavish spender has called a halt on this mad road-building craze. So has Manitoba and so have the States across the border. Tory, Liberal and Farmers journals alike have called a halt. They see that to go on spells disaster.

We hope for spring, but the winter of our discontent and peril is still upon us. And the greatest peril is near at hand. The gamblers will not halt; they demand further commitments, for the House and the country, a further mortgaging of the revenues, more thousands to squander in banks and gutters, that must in the end bring further burdens and bind upon the peoples shoulders the present crushing load beyond all hope of removal. This is the peril of the hour! It confronts a House in which a score of members dare to repeat after their leader the parrot lie, "We pay as we go. We practice strict economy!" What hope is there from such as these?

Such hypocrisy is colossal, it taints the air. It smells to Heaven rank as a ton of brimstone. That parrot to cry de bases language, soils and pollutes words of noble use with filth and nastiness. But why say more! We met the other day upon the street an old time Liberal, once a representative, who commended this column. He offered his hand and said, "You are doing well. And its all too true!" We trust there are many more honest old Liberals who feel the same way, that a once honored and decent party has been degraded and dishonored by the Bell regime. That is our hope. Spring is coming! But we fear it may be all too long before the gathered filth and dregs of our long political winter can be washed away by the spring rains

The Public Forum

This column is open for the discussion by correspondence of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion expressed by its correspondents.

Paying Eight Times For Roads

Sir.—Can it possibly be that the Bell Government is paying \$1,900 per mile for the repair of the roads including the construction of culverts? I ask any of my fellow farmers if it is possible to put any thing like that amount of money in a mile of country road; it looks like paving the road with gold. I'll guarantee any intelligent farmer in as good a condition as they are under the Bell Government for not more than \$250.00 per mile. I will undertake the work and do it to the satisfaction of the farmers in my district at the following rates:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. 6 men at \$2.00 per day, 2 days per mile \$24.00; 3 teams at \$4.00 per team, 2 days \$48.00; 2 drivers do at \$2.00 \$8.00; 5 culverts 24 feet across at \$29.00 \$145.00; Labor 5 men at \$2.00 per day for 5 days \$50.00; My own or foreman's wage at \$8 per day for 5 days \$25.00; (Note this is outside limit and probably \$10.00 too much.) Miscellaneous and incidentals \$27.00; Total cost per mile \$250.00.

QUEEN'S COUNTRY FARMER.

The Side Hitch

Sir.—Since Mr. S. F. Tarbush has taken the trouble to answer my letter on the "Side Hitch," I will tell him, here and now, that he has got me all wrong, and has another guess coming. In the first place, I am not a one horse farmer, neither do I run a one horse farm. I have kept as many as four horses, and never less than two. Further I am as progressive as the average farmer in this province, which, by the way, is not saying very much. To enlighten him still further, I may say I have used all kinds of machinery, and a team wagon ever since I learned to drive. I also used a team sleigh on different occasions. When there was only a few inches of snow on the ground it worked fine, but when the snow was deep it was quite a different story. S. F. T. accused me of writing "a long letter and saying nothing." What about himself? His last epistle contained nothing but gibbering and sarcastic comments. Personally I do not know S. F. T. but I have been informed by a party in his home town, that he has carried on his "shit bar" campaign for the past thirty years. This is true you can readily understand why the public pay so little attention to it.

ISLANDERS IN BOSTON

Sir.—I have read John D. McIntyre's letters and if you will kindly allow me I will write a few lines on this topic. John D. McIntyre said the ladies went to Boston to earn a lot of money to pay their father's bills. Times must have changed. Since he wrote his first letter, the ladies must have got out of the sloth of despair, must have left the red light section and wandered their way back to the Back Bay kitchens. Behind old things have passed away and new things have become new. In those days the fathers educated their daughters, they are sent to the Capital of the Garden of the Gulf (P. E. I.) and as all the high offices are filled with smart men and women, after they are highly educated in Charlottetown colleges and come out with high honours they go to Boston. New York or wherever they want to. They look for high positions and they get them. It is there that the old spokes are knocked out and the new ones put in. One who has been raised from childhood in the pure fresh air and among the fair flowers, ones with pure red blood running through their veins and can weather the test. Come with me John and I will show you some of our fair damsels, first we will go to the State House, Boston and I will show you a fair lassie who holds a high position there, whose mother was born on dear old P. E. I. and educated in the Prince of Wales College, Charlottetown. I might introduce you to the mother who might like to see the John D. McIntyre who has such a gift of the gab. Then from the State House we will walk along to the churches and there you will meet dozens of our fine young men offering up a prayer for you and thousands more like you to turn from the large business firms of Boston and the majority of the ones holding high positions are from P. E. I. and the air is warmed and purified by the summer sun and the health giving breezes.

Then to the hospital, see our Island nurses promoted to matrons, also our doctors holding high positions, and judging from your letters sent to the Guardian I would surely, hear the doctor remark "Pass right in John D. McIntyre you are the only one from P. E. I." When you write your next letter I would advise you to condense your lines. Then close your valve and give your brains a rest. I am, Sir, etc., ISLAND MOTHER.

Unfair Competition

Sir.—When the Experimental Farm was located at Charlottetown for the Province the farmers were all glad to know and to think that such an educator was placed in our Province. Of course we all expected it would prove a great boom to the farmers of P. E. I., but instead of being a benefit it turned out to be one of the highest competitors the farmers of P. E. I. have to compete against, which I can prove beyond a doubt. For example take our Easter beef. Instead of finding a foreign market for the Easter beef fed on the Experimental Farm, they dump it on the market in Charlottetown for whatever price the local butchers want to pay and instead of getting 8 or 10c per lb., for prime Easter beef the farmer has to sell his prime cattle at a loss to be able to sell in competition with a farm that has the Dominion of Canada at its back. Our local butchers were cute enough not to go to the country to buy their Easter beef till after the sale at the farm. There they could quote to the farmer the very low prices realized at the farm, and instead of the poor farmer (who has to buy his home feed) getting what his cattle were worth he had to sell at a loss in competition with our great educator, the Experimental Farm. In conclusion I would like to ask is there one farmer on P. E. I. who ever received one dollar's benefit from the Experimental Farm while it costs the Government thousands of dollars every year to run the same. I am, Sir, etc., ONE WHO HAD TO COMPETE.

The Heaviest Blow For A Year

Sir.—I see by the Patriot of March 29th that Charlottetown experienced the heaviest gale of wind that swept over our province for years. Coming from the direction of the farm to parts of the rural districts. No serious damage is reported up to the present writing. It made its first appearance on the streets about 4:30 p. m. in big headlines as follows: "Surplus on Current Account Over \$18,000.00. Surplus Over All \$6,000.00." It did not say how much it was over \$18,000.00 but I suppose enough to start the big blow, the damage of which will never be known till after the next General Election. It also contained a photo of "Our Beloved Premier" whose government has such a "Magnificent Record" for "Surpluses" and nothing else to their credit. Now, Sir, I would like to ask the Bell Government why did they bleed the Tax Payers white when there was such a surplus in sight? Was it to pave the way for a re-election. Does this include all those who are against our province? If so, what's to be done with this big surplus? Is the last straw that's going to break the camel's back. Let the Bell Liberals use this at next election the cry will surely go up of where did you get it? The only answer they can give is, "we bled the tax payers for it."—that \$3.00 poll tax just about that trick. On a clean sheet would be sufficient and more to their credit. I notice on another page of that same issue that the gale also struck Ottawa in the shape of gratuities from the Grand Trunk R. R. as follows:—Howard G. Kelly \$60,000.00; Frank Scott \$25,000.00; others from \$16,500.00 to \$12,000.00, also one of \$35,000.00 to D. B. Hanna. Where is it going to end? They must all be poor men working for a meagre salary of \$50,000.00 a year, while the poor man who pays them

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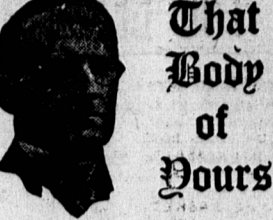
HIGHLANDS, N. J., April 3.—The Queen of the Highlands running fleet was lost during the heavy north-west gale Wednesday and another member of the fleet was reported missing. The Queen ship, the largest and fastest putting out from Highlands to the rum armada off shore, was lost while making her second trip to the maritime liquor mart. When she started for shore with 100 cases of liquor, having an estimated retail value of \$7,500 she encountered a forty-eight mile gale which forced her to return to a later. A British steamer from which she had apprehended her cargo. The runner managed to come alongside the Isler, and her water soiled crew was taken off. The boat, valued at \$3,000, foundered with her cargo. The Isler took care of the crew until the gale abated. Then they were landed by a runner-run from New York.

CANADA TO GET 11,000 NEWCOMERS OF 40,000 SHE CAN ABSORB YEARLY

LONDON, April 2.—W. J. Black, Deputy Minister of Immigration, has practically completed arrangements with the Overseas Settlement Committee for the emigration of children, domestics, and nominated adults from Britain under the \$600,000 appropriation made by the Canadian Parliament. It is estimated that the sum will secure 5,000 children, 2,000 domestics and 4,000 adults under the nominative plan. The total to be brought to Canada, under it, within the next twelve months will thus be 11,000. Under the arrangement made, Canada and Britain will participate equally in the cost of emigrating and establishing those accepted for citizenship. The number is a small proportion of the 400,000 newcomers which it is estimated Canada can absorb yearly. It is hoped, however, that if the scheme proves a success it may ultimately be greatly enlarged.

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That Body of Yours

ARE YOUR LUNGS OUTSIDE YOUR BODY?

You will wonder what I'm driving at in above question, because your common sense tells you that your lungs are safely inside the chest, behind that breastwork of ribs and muscle. And yet as one physiologist has put it, the lungs are really outside the body. Because if you could for a moment think of the lungs as a large paper bag which you have blown up, and then pushed down the throat into the chest cavity, what was the outside of the bag exposed to the air is now the lining of, or inside of, the bag. Similarly, the inside or lining of the lungs is thus really in contact with the outside air, or in other words is outside the body.

And why should they be outside? Because the greatest need of your body is fresh air—oxygen. And so Nature has placed the very very thin walled bloodvessels all around the thin lining of the lungs, so that between the outside fresh air and the blood, the walls are so thin that gases can pass right through them, just as two different gases will pass through an animal membrane in a jar. What does this mean to you? Well your blood has been all around the body gathering up waste matter and comes to the lungs to throw it out of the body. And on the other hand, fresh air has come into the lungs looking for a chance to give its life giving oxygen to the blood. So you see the blood has a poisonous gas at high pressure, and the air has a beneficial gas at high pressure, and these two gases simply force themselves through the thin walls of the blood vessels with the result that the blood gets what it wants, and the air gets its cargo of waste matter to carry out of the body when you breathe out. The point is that the air going in needs to be warm and moist, so see that you close your mouth when outdoors and let the air through the warm spaces in the nose. It will ported up to the present writing.

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allow him to show any signs of fatigue. Despite the late hours his hostess does not neglect her daily duties. She is out bright and early next morning and at work in the fields with her cigar in her mouth. In Congoland it is the women who smoke, the men preferring to take snuff. While the women do the field work and market all the produce the men take over the management of domestic affairs. It is no strange sight to see the man of the house engaged in doing the family washing, hanging the clothes out to dry on the mill today of a wage increase effective April 30. The amount of the increase was not made known. Approximately 12,000 operatives will be affected.

HUSBAND IS HOUSEKEEPER IN CONGOLAND

In Congoland the laws of hospitality are such that a stranger is at liberty to stop at any hut and spend the night. If he wishes he may stay on indefinitely. Although he is at liberty to remain in the matter of entertainment. He may be tired but he is not permitted to rest because Congoland hospitality is not expressed in that fashion. To give their guest a degraded property valued at many real thousands of dollars, was manufactured by Wilson, according to his own admission, the Times says, and sold to him by a man who has been charged with guilty knowledge of the crime.

ADMITS PART IN WALL STREET BOMB EXPLOSION.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 3.—Herbert Wilson, former evangelist, alleged mail robber and convicted murderer has told postal inspectors he can solve the bombing of the J. P. Morgan offices in Wall Street, New York, September 17, 1920, the Los Angeles Times will state tomorrow.