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WHAT NEXT

The principal subject of discussion over the weekend, naturally, was the political situation. Locally there have been errors in calculation which make it impossible to say definitely who is or is elected. Mr. McCreery who, on the first count, was declared the second choice in Queens was subsequently found to be third; later he stands again at the top with eleven votes to the good. What further revelations shall be disclosed remains to be seen. Declaration Day will probably throw the first definite light on the situation here.

As to the general situation there is still some uncertainty. Mr. Mackenzie King, according to a statement made by him to the Canadian Press, declares he has no intention of placing his resignation in the hands of the Governor-General. He is not as amenable to reason as was a certain gentleman who insisted upon attending a party to which he had not been invited. On his first entry he was politely told he was not wanted. On his second entry he was kicked down stairs. Picking himself up he said, "I see plainly they don't want me in there."

When Mr. Mackenzie King himself and practically all his cabinet ministers, including his chief lieutenants, were personally and soundly beaten he should have taken the hint that neither he nor his policy was wanted by the people of Canada. What he told the Canadian Press was characteristic of the men who kept himself in power for four years by bartering policies and bribing constituents. After flatly denying the very natural rumor that he would, as everyone expected him to do, hand in his resignation, he said, for publication, "I intend to discuss the situation with the Governor-General and I shall then make a statement of my intentions."

Had Mr. King been differently constituted he would have said, with a little more modesty, that he would, after the interview, make a statement of the Governor-General's intentions for it is more than probable that His Excellency will ask for his resignation. If there had been any doubt as to the attitude of the people towards Mackenzie King and his policy it was clearly and definitely removed by the personal defeat of himself and all his lieutenants in addition to the majority of the rank and file of his party.

We shall await the "statement" of the Governor-General's "intentions."

A CLOSE CALL

The appointment of four "deserving Democrats" in Nova Scotia to judgeships, either on election day or in the dying hours of the day before possibly after the storm broke, again emphasizes the uncertainty of political life. Had these appointments been delayed a few hours they would, in all probability, never have been made. How anxiously these faithful Nova Scotians must have watched the gathering storm-clouds during the last few weeks, how imploringly they must have pleaded for life savers as the troubled political waters roared about them, can only be imagined, not described. Nor can tongue or pen express the sigh of relief with which they, in imagination, took their seats on the warm, cushioned, congenial benches of the Supreme and county courts, after being, metaphorically speaking, pulled out of the icy waters by the

Notes By The Way

Premier King in his last speech before the election, delivered at Newmarket is reported as having sharply attacked Mr. Meighen for his statement in Kitchener that "the British preference is wrong in principle." It is wrong in principle solely because, as Mr. Meighen has frequently set forth, it is not mutual. It is a one-sided affair in which Canada gives Britain something for nothing. A press despatch from Newmarket says:

"Mr. King added, I am perfectly astounded that Mr. Meighen made a statement of that kind, particularly to the kind of audience he was addressing. I venture to assert that the statement will cost him hundreds of thousands of votes."

And we are somewhat astounded that a Prime Minister of Canada should utter such ranting and absurd foolishness. Mr. Meighen did get some votes in Ontario notwithstanding Mr. King's extravagant prediction. An old heathen philosopher had long ago taken account of the fact that "whom the gods would destroy they first make mad."

That there was no discontent in the Maritimes, that all was going prosperously, everybody satisfied with the King Government was the song with which the Halifax Chronicle, Moncton Transcript, Island Patriot, and other Liberal journals hulked themselves to sleep during the earlier stages of the election campaign. They have had a sad awakening. The Liberal party will never after have six representatives in the House of Commons where during the past four years they had 26. That shows how well satisfied and contented the Maritime people were with the King Government.

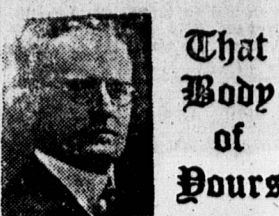
When a Cabinet Minister who was elected four years ago with a majority of 1,500 votes now finds himself hoping to save his seat by the casting vote of a returning officer, and that after a year of persecution and a plea for pity had been put forth in his behalf, he may conclude that the King Government is not held in high regard in all parts of Prince Edward Island just now. The "rumblings in the Maritimes" which were treated very lightly a few months ago made a pretty big racket last Thursday!

We have said that no more appointments would be made by the King Government. We had taken for granted that such would be the case, that it would not be attempted, that a decent regard would be given to the propriety by the defeated Government and that if any such attempt were made to exercise official patronage His Excellency the Governor-General would refuse his official sanction thereto, according to the precedent set by Lord Minto after the defeat of Sir Charles Tupper and his Government in 1896.

The appointment of four judges in Nova Scotia by the King Government is now reported in the press. Should this report be confirmed it would show that we were in error assuming that no further appointments would be made. We had underrated the audacity of the King Government! This is a matter of which more will be heard hereafter. It is far too grave to be passed over lightly. That a Government openly defeated in the country, with half its members, including the Prime Minister, defeated at the polls should attempt to appoint Judges in the land is something which the Dominion is not prepared to accept.

The impropriety of what is now being attempted is accentuated by the fact that Mr. King when in opposition was a great stickler for the popular mandate as the basis of all authority in the state. He was loud and voluble in his declaration that Premier Meighen had no mandate to carry on the Government after the retirement of Sir Robert Borden. Where is now his own mandate to appoint judges after his defeat?

Otherwise the crisis raised as the result of the election is grave. Parliament should be called to meet within the next few months. Who will call it? Who will prepare the estimates for the coming fiscal year and the measures that a new Parliament may decide to be necessary and urgent? True there are a good many "hot-overs" that the King Government promised to deal with at the next session. These include such matters as Senate reform, ocean freight rates, the appointment of a tariff-board, proportional representation, the completion of the Hudson Bay Railway, the ratification of the new trade treaties with Australia and the



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MAN AND THE HORSE

In these days of motor cars, when we talk about the horse power, we find that the motor engines run from twenty to possibly one hundred horse power.

Some Yale research men have been able to estimate the horse power of powerful athletes, in the examination of the famous Yale crew of 1924. They found that during the hardest part of their race they were doing at least half as much work as a horse. When you compare the weight of a horse with the weight of a man, a man weighing probably one-sixth that of a horse, they would get some idea of the tremendous work these trained athletes were capable of doing.

What is spoken of as basal metabolism is now occupying the minds of many research physicians. By this is meant the amount of work the different processes of the body are doing, when the body is at rest. This is then compared with the amount of work that is being done when food is being digested and also when the body is doing hard physical work.

In the case of these Yale oarsmen it was figured that some of them were actually doing twenty times as much work as a man at perfect rest.

The average work that you would do in taking the ordinary exercise of golf or baseball, might be about five times as much as the person doing without food. Perhaps tennis, basketball, hockey would go considerably more than this.

Now what about this in regard to our food intake? Should you take on or twenty times the amount of food, when you do this enormous amount of work?

No: The amount of food you should eat doing the ordinary work of the day, with a few extra exercises, is about twice the amount that you should eat resting quietly in bed. If working at physical work eight or ten hours a day, then even four times as much food should be eaten.

Our trouble in these days is not that we do not get enough food, but that we eat too much for the amount of physical work we do.

If the youngsters are playing outdoors all day, or other members of the family are working or playing hard, then more food should quite properly be eaten.

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

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LIVE RIGHT TODAY.—Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth. Proverbs 27:1.

PRAYER.—Thou art from ever asking to everlasting God, but we are as the grass that withereth. We come to Thee to live in Thee because Thou art our security and our hope.

ARTISTS OF SORROW

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The Public Forum

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TRADING AT HOME

Sir.—With reference to letter of "J.B.D." which appeared in the Guardian of Friday the 30th instant, dealing with the Mail Order menace, would say that the suggestion that local stores should change over to a cash basis entirely and thus be able to reduce their prices, is a good one. I am sure here is not a Store in Prince Edward Island that would not greatly prefer a strictly cash business, and many have endeavored to make the change. Great difficulties, however, have been experienced, as many citizens as well as farmers find it next to impossible to make all their payments in cash, and while many farmers could, no doubt, make arrangements with their bankers, still the farmer who anticipates a good crop and cash receipts in the fall, is not inclined to say bank interest, while the store's ready to accommodate him with a reasonable credit, with the expectation of receiving settlement either in cash or produce in the fall, for an entire cash basis could be adopted, it would eliminate very considerable additional cost, as the store has to keep up an accounting system, as well as paying for the cost of financing to his bankers, during the past two or three years the farmer has gone through difficult times, but the Retail Storekeeper has had difficulties as well and while the latter has been endeavoring to maintain his staff and service, besides paying his taxes and contributing largely to the upkeep of public institutions such as hospitals, orphanages, etc. and prepared a grant credit to his customers during difficult times, he has found in many cases that the same customers who have received credit, have been sending their spare cash to these outside Mail Order Houses, who contribute nothing whatever to taxation, to employment or to the upkeep of institutions within their town or Province.

Since this question was first brought up at the Annual Meeting of the Associated Boards of Trade in August last, I have had an opportunity to discuss it with citizens from many parts of the Province, and I find that very few, if any, ever gave the matter very much consideration as to why we had our economic life, and the majority of people I have discussed this with, after getting the facts, were ready to admit that it was vitally in the interests of our Province to do everything within our power to encourage trading at home.

I do not hold any brief for Merchants or Storekeepers and am not finding fault with people who have previously sent their money abroad. In fact I think we have all been more or less guilty in the past. It is just as important, however, that the storekeepers throughout the Province wake up to the fact that an improved service and reduced prices must be established if they are anxious to retain here the five million dollars, or a good portion of it, that is sent away annually, by our people, to outside Mail Order Houses. I believe many people consider that they have given no further consideration as to how they are now ready and anxious to trade at home, and it only remains for the storekeeper to get into line. In fact there are some merchants, today, who have Mail Order Catalogues on their counters and ready to sell reasonable quantities of goods at the local merchant could do this, when it is realized that these Mail Order Houses are escaping taxation and the cost of upkeep of local organizations. If this five million dollars that is sent abroad was taxed say two per cent, this would mean a hundred thousand dollars in tax revenue paid into our Provincial Treasury, that would relieve every farmer and citizen in the Province to this extent.

I find also that this question of the Mail Order menace is receiving attention from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and I have received communications from Vancouver to Moncton on the subject. A letter received a few days ago from a well known Prince Edward Islander, who is now residing and employed at Detroit, Michigan, addressed to the writer, reads as follows: "I have read with great interest and measure your address before the Rotary Club in Charlottetown, re the Mail Order menace. It was the Mail Order curse that compelled me to leave my island home and seek a home in the United States—so more power to your efforts to place before the people of P. E. I. the evil effects of sending millions of dollars away from the Province to Mail Order Houses."

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Successful Jockeys Are Richly Rewarded

About twenty-five years ago The Mail and Empire had a series of articles entitled "What to do With Your Boy or Girl," and we do not remember that anybody advised that he or she should be trained as a jockey. But a writer for an American newspaper syndicate after learning something about what jockeys are paid thinks that instead of trying to make artists or screen heroes out of their ambitious children, parents might consider turning them into riders. Of course, some physical qualifications are needed to begin with, particularly a light frame with strong arms and hands, and physical fearlessness. Given these it is probable that most boys could be trained into more or less competent riders. If they have a touch of talent which has distinguished such men as Sande and the Fator brothers they will be richly rewarded. If they have luck there should be no reason why one of them should not put away a million dollars before increasing weight makes him useless. Chris Fitzgerald of New York says that there is a dearth of high class jockeys, and that never before were there such rewards awaiting them.

A Local Squabble. A recent squabble between a group of Toronto owners and their star jockey, who is admittedly the finest steeplechase rider on this continent revealed the fact that the rider was to receive a salary of \$3,500 a year and ten per cent of the stakes he won. He was trained as well as rider, and felt that he was not being lavishly rewarded. We do not suppose that many others would raise their boys to be jockeys if his remuneration were typical of what men of his class can earn. Clarence Kummer, for instance, is under contract to the Log Cabin stable which has first call on his services. He receives \$12,000 for this, and another \$15,000 from G. A. Cochran, who has second option. In addition he has the privilege of accepting outside mounts. That is to say, when neither of his principals has a horse in a race, Kummer is permitted to ride for any other owner, and it may well be imagined that he earns more as a free lance than as a stable jockey. Laverne Fator, who does the riding for the Sinclair-Hildreth combination, gets a salary of \$30,000 annually and can ride for other owners when the

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Jockeys' Fees.

The general practice is for a jockey to get ten per cent. of the purse he wins, and the trainer, as a rule, gets another ten per cent. But it often happens that when an owner wins a classic he will be even more generous to those in his employ. If the owner is a heavy better it is usual for the jockey to have a reasonable bet made for him in addition to his riding fee and his percentage. We suspect that on the whole the jockeys get more cash out of the racing game than the owners, for not many names can be recalled of owners who made fortunes out of the turf, while there have been many wealthy jockeys. Last year Ivan Parke, who headed the jockey list, won \$44 mounts and horses he rode won \$290,295. In the absence of a specific contract, a jockey's fee for a winning mount is \$25, and for a loser \$10. Where the value of the stakes is not more than \$400 the fees are respectively \$15 and \$5. A good jockey, even though he is in hard luck as regards winners, is always in demand at a race track and can have half a dozen mounts in an afternoon if he will take them. Even if he is no cracker-lack he is pretty well paid for his afternoon's work. If he lands one of the big \$50,000 stakes he is sure of \$5,000 at least and probably twice this much.

Free Spenders.

Winnie O'Connor, one of the greatest of modern jockeys, is said to have won a million dollars in purses and another million in salaries. He did not fritter away his money as many others have done, although the million has gone. But it went in a business venture. Clarence Turner is said to have a wonderful estate at Freeport, Long Island, while Kummer has recently purchased a beautiful home at Jollis, L. I. Sande and the Fators are attractive, though not showy residences, at Jamaica. The three jockey boys have all distinguished themselves in the saddle, and their father before them was a horseman though he admits that he was not particularly successful jockey. The old boy does not altogether approve of the way in which the jockeys of the day go through their money. The best isn't any too good for them when they travel, and if they do not occupy the bridal suite it is because there isn't one to occupy. At home they have the newest models of cars and the most expensive makes. They spend as much on clothes as a matinee idol and their taste in the matter of jewelry was acquired in the school made famous by "Diamond Jim" Brady.

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