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A GRAVE SITUATION

Never since the erection of the Water Works and the installation of our Water System has the supply situation been so grave as at present. Owing to the prolonged zero weather of almost a month's duration citizens have been allowing their taps to run overnight with the result the engines have been going double time, the wells being pumped dry and the reservoir lowered beyond the point of safety. Any morning this week had a fire occurred in the city between four and six o'clock it is questionable whether there would have been sufficient pressure to send a stream to the roof of a three storey building. Unless the citizens heed the warning of the Water Commissioners and abandon their wastefulness the City will be face to face with seeking a new source of supply, installing meters, or availing themselves of the provisions of the law and appointing inspectors to visit stores and homes at any hour of the night to detect running water. The inconvenience of the last resort to householders may be easily imagined, but the Commissioners will be forced to face it should there not be immediate economy in the use and abuse of water. Citizens no doubt will appreciate the position and govern themselves accordingly.

MISCHIEVOUS TACTICS

For months to come the political ears of Canada will be assailed by vociferous praise of the so-called Robb Tariff. Premier King in his Massey Hall speech fired the first shot in the last campaign and, among other things and with accustomed circumlocution declared the Robb Tariff the best kind of a tariff for Canada.

What, in brief, is the Robb tariff? It is a practical reversion of the National Policy; it is the opening of our door to foreign competition; it is giving foreign manufacturers and foreign farmers who have refused us access into their markets, a right to exploit our markets. What inference are we to draw from this? What is insinuated, if not openly stated, by those who declared, as Premier King has declared, that the Robb Tariff is the best for Canada? It is simply that our manufacturers are bleeding the people by overcharging for their goods, that our farmers are getting too much for their produce. Hence the "best policy for Canada" is one which, like the Robb Tariff, will permit foreign manufacturers to come in with their goods, and undersell Canadian made goods, and permit foreign farmers and speculators to bring in their farm products and undersell ours.

If it were true that Canadian manufacturers and farmers are extortioners and bleeders of the people, if it were true that Canadians needed protection against their own monopolistic manufacturers and farmers there would be some defence for the Robb Tariff. But the very reverse of this is true. Our manufacturers by patient and often unprofitable effort succeeded, under the National Policy, in building up industries and industrial centres which gave employment to thousands and afforded a home market for 80 per cent of all our farm products. As a result of the abandonment of this policy and the substitution of the Robb Tariff, hundreds of these industrial centres have been depopulated and thousands of wage earners have been driven from the country.

No one in Canada believes for a minute that the Robb Tariff was introduced by the King government because they believed it to be the best policy for Canada. Everyone knows that it was adopted at the ...ation of the Progressives as an ...native to going out of office. The Robb Tariff, withall its ruinous consequences, is the price paid by the King government for the Progressive support which enabled it to hold office and receive its respective salaries and other perquisites for the past four years. Whatever the Robb Tariff may have brought to the King government it brought nothing but loss to Canada. And not the least of this loss is the unjust and discouraging and mischievous imputation that our manufacturers and farmers are extortioners against whom we require defence.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Premier Mackenzie King does not like the look of things in Quebec. He is boomed by the Star, condemned by the Gazette, while the French Press as a rule is ominously silent on the subject. They distrust him, afraid they may be sold again for Western support.

The sensation of the hour is the resignation of Hon. D. A. Cameron, Provincial Secretary of Nova Scotia, in connection with the disclosure by the outside auditors of City of Sydney and County of Cape Breton of a shortage in the accounts of $27,586.95. This shortage occurred during Mr. Cameron's treasurership and he has assumed responsibility and returned the amount together with interest making the sum $30,983.34. The disclosure has caused a sensation in Nova Scotia Liberal camp, and Hon E. M. Macdonald was summoned from Ottawa to attend a hastily called meeting of the leaders of the party in the Halifax Hotel. Further proceedings are anticipated in connection with Mr. Cameron's shortage, and he has proceeded to Sydney to be ready if, and when, called upon.

The Dominion Conference on the Protocol has been abandoned, the British Government intimating that the further views of the Dominions will be ascertained by correspondence. With the best intentions the Baldwin Government blundered in inviting a Conference so soon after the recommendations of the previous conference had been turned down by the Macdonald government. Dominion Premiers are busy men living far from London and it is neither convenient nor expedient for them to desert their respective governments to proceed to discuss a matter in London the result of which may or may not be accepted by the British Government which is party to the Conference. Some more satisfactory procedure with regard to giving effect to decisions will have to be evolved before the Dominions will be agreable to countenancing further parleys in Lonodon.

The United Farmers' Party of Ontario is gradually sinking irto oblivion. It came into power with a great flourish of trumpets and promise to reform the world in general and Ontario in particular along agricultural lines. The other two parties gallantly stood aside and gave it a fair chance to make good, only to find it running the Province into almost hopeless debt through gross extravagance and mismanagement, one sequel to which was the imprisonment of their Provincial Treasurer together with some of his officials and stockholding friends who had betrayed their trusts. After the disastrous defeat of last election, which included the Leader, ex-Premier Drury, Mr. Manning Doherty was elected leader. The Party at its last convention officially changed its name from Farmer to Progressive, but elected a farmer, Mr. Manning Doherty as leader. Now he has resigned and a lawyer, Mr. W. E. Raney, K. C., has been chosen his successor, so that there is no longer a Farmer party in Ontario politics either by name or leadership.

Notes By The Way

The resignation of Hon. D. A. Cameron, Provincial Secretary Treasurer of Nova Scotia is the sensation of the hour in that province. Mr. Cameron is also Treasurer of the county of Cape Breton and it is in connection with the latter office that his conduct is now under review. Some six months ago Mayor McConnell of Sydney discovered that there was something wrong in the accounts of the Cape Breton Joint Expenditure Board to which Sydney and other towns in the county have been large contributors. A chartered accountant was called in and reported that the towns had made large overpayments yearly during four successive years which must be repaid. Mr. Cameron admitted his responsibility for and repard some $30,983 of the moneys in question.

On January 15 Mr. Cameron tendered to Premier Armstrong his resignation of office as Provincial Secretary Treasurer, which was accepted on the following day. In his letter accepting Mr. Cameron's resignation Premier Armstrong states that it had come as a surprise to him and added:

"Under the circumstances, however, I cannot but conclude that you have been actuated by a deep sense of anxiety for the responsible office which you held in the Government and that you have adopted the only course which a high regard for public service dictates."

Until all the facts are brought out it may be well to suspend judgment and there is a widespread impression that there is more yet to be revealed than the above outline discloses. Premier Armstrong in a statement to the Associated Press has certified that Mr. Cameron was one of his most valued and loyal colleagues and that they were in complete accord on Government policy and that he has the warmest admiration for Mr. Cameron's many splendid personal qualities. It is quite natural that the Premier should speak in this way on behalf of his late colleague and by inference in defence of his Government. The late Premier Drury of Ontario expressed a high regard for his own Provincial Treasurer after that officials downfall, but before the full effect of it was realised.

The Lemieux Act, under which conciliation boards were appointed for the settlement of labor disputes has been disallowed by the Privy Council. This act had been generally approved throughout the country because during the years that it had been in operation many disagreements between employers and their employees had been quietly and satisfactorily settled under its provisions. The court of last resort has now decided that Parliament was not competent to enact it. Some such law is greatly needed and the failure of the Lemieux Act will create a serious situation in Canada until some measure is enacted to take its place and what will also stand the test of constitutionality.

Premier Mackenzie King has returned to Ottawa after a not very encouraging tour to Toronto, thence to his own constituency in North York and then eastward to Quebec City. He had a large audience in Massey Hall, Toronto as is usually the case at political gatherings in that city. But the state story of the balanced budget, which nobody believes and the faked surplus which has long been utterly refuted, were not the sort of stuff to arouse enthusiasm. And when he ventured to speak of "a wise immigration policy" as greatly needed his hearers were reminded of the fact that no previous government in Canada had made such an utter failure in securing immigrants as his own. The best he could find to say was in the line of "expectation," which for four years past has ended in disappointment.

In North York he told his troubles as a Premier, the arduous toil of meeting delegations, consulting with colleagues and preparing measures for Parliament. The report reads like a plea for pity. In his visit to Quebec he was reminded at every turn of how much ground he and his party had lost since the clean sweep of 1921. If he reads, even in the Liberal newspapers the news from the Maritimes it must add to his depression and discouragement.

A general election is expected this year. And what of the prospects of the once "solid four" Liberal members elected to support the King Government? Two of them are openly candidating for the vacant Senatorship in hope to escape facing the electors again. The other two have reason to doubt whether a Liberal convention will nominate them for another run! Optimism much lauded in the Liberal press, must be sought for elsewhere than in that once happy and united but now divided and despondent little coterie.

A diet of pleasure is apt to result in a bad case of moral dyspepsia.

That Body of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

GOING BACK HUNDREDS OF YEARS

Sometimes when you have read of the physicians of hundreds of years ago, and that they gave as medicines parts of the organs of animals, you have likely smiled to yourself.

The liver, kidneys, brain, lung and other tissues, were powdered up, and given to strengthen the organs in human beings.

And yet here we are in this twentieth century, in the light of all the knowledge now possessed by physicians, doing pretty much the same thing.

There are all kinds of products now on the market, which have been manufactured from the spleen, bone marrow, liver and other parts of animals.

Now what about this?

Well the extracts secured from some of the organs or glands in animals, have been of great service to humanity.

The extract from the little organ resting on base of skull, the pituitrin gland, has been of use where growth and development were slow.

The extract from the adrenal glands, situated on top of each kidney, has been used to control bleeding, relieve asthma and so forth.

The extract from the pancreas as you know, now relieves the dreadful symptoms of diabetes.

And the extract from the thyroid gland, situated in front of the neck, has been the subject of perhaps more experiments than any of the others.

The iodine found therein has been investigated thoroughly. The giving of a small quantity of iodine twice a year, to children in "goitrous" districts, has been of great assistance, in reducing the number of cases of goitre in these districts.

Now what about all this?

Can it be said that the powdered extract from any organ in an animal, can be made to help the corresponding organ in a human being?

No, not yet at least, because the experiments have been successful so far with but a few organs.

However, this work is still in its infancy, and it may not be long before it is better understood, and its real value known.

However this whole idea is really a case of going back to Nature for help, isn't it?

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

January 23, 1925

A NEW COMMANDMENT:—Jesus said: A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another: as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples. John 13:34-35.

PRAYER:—Thy love, O God, is broader than the measure of our minds. Help us to follow on, to know and comprehend and be and do.

IS THIS YOU?

Do you attend the meetings?
And, if by chance you do,
Do you say the lodge is rotten
And run by just a few?
Do you say you're not consulted
On things the lodge should do?
Examine your conscience brother,
Is it the lodge, or is it you?

What is your interest in the lodge?
Is it for honor, or for pelf?
Are you interested in your fellow man,
Or just interested in yourself?
Now you realize, my brother,
If you study the matter a minute,
All you'll ever get out of a lodge
Is just what you put in it!

—Exchange.

Your Birthday

JANUARY 23.—You are inclined to be obstinate and difficult at times. It is hard to drive you to do anything, but as those who know your weaknesses you are easily ruled. You are generally well liked, and have the respect of all who know you. Your married life will be very happy. Do not give way to despair if things do not always go right, remember to "try—try again."

Your birth-stone is a garnet which means faithfulness.

Your ower is a snowdrop.

Your lucky colors are Navy-blue and black.

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.

MORE FACTS WANTED

Sir,—In your issue of 22nd inst, under "Again The Herring" Mr. Taylor intimates that he has some very inconvenient facts which he will reveal if the matter is not dropped. I would say to Mr. Taylor that it is facts that the public want, and I for one would be pleased if he would furnish the same. He knows by past experience, that inuendoes and double inferences mean nothing to the average man.

I am, Sir, Etc,
W. T. HUGGAN.

ARE ADHERENTS VOTES LEGAL?

Sir,—Your issue of the 9th inst, contains a news item to the effect that the voting in Zion Church has been postponed owing to a difference of legal opinion as to who are entitled to vote. The qquestion is really very simple and the difference has only arisen through misunderstandings due to such Anti-Union propaganda as that the Unionists are crying to take all the church's property.

As a matter of fact this is not primarily a question of property at all, but of concurrance; and the persons entitled to vote are all members in full communion irrespective of age or sex, whose names were on the roll of the congregation on the 19th of July, 1924. And these are the only persons entitled to vote in Zion congregation. None who are merely adherents can legally vote there. This I may say is also the case in most of the congregations in P. E. Island, and in the case of several congregations which at the present time are allowing adhedrents to vote, they might as well have saved themselves the trouble for the adherents vote will not be valid.

The question at issue in this vote is not primarily one of property, but of concurrence. Will Zion congregation enter the United Church or will she not?? The title to the property of Zion congregation is not under consideration at all. If it were, the persons to decide, would be only the male members in full communion aged twenty one or over. The title to the property remains with the same trustees for the same Zion congregation, whether Zion by concurring goes into the United Church, or by voting non-concurrence stays out of it.

But who are entitled to vote on this question of going in or staying out? Undoubtedly, all members in full communion and in the case of Zion congregation these only. It is an inalienable right of all members in full communion in the Presbyterian Church to vote on such a question, and the Federal Act recognizes this right in the very first part of Section 10b. It does not confer the right but recognizes it.

But in some congregations which have a constitution of their own, that is, which have their own Act of Incorporation, it sometimes happens that persons other than members in full communion vote at congregational meetings on matters affecting the disposal of property. In these congregations the Federal Act confers on such persons, in addition to members, the right to vote on the larger question of concurrence. But Zion is not one of these congregations for while it has a constitution of its own, that constitution allows only male members twenty-one years old to vote on matters affecting the disposal of property, and does not confer this right on any adherents. Even the amendment to the Act of Incorporation does not change this, for while it allows adherents to vote for trustees it does not change the qualifications of those who may vote on the disposal of property. For according to the best legal opinion we have, voting for trustees is not the same as voting on matters affecting the disposal of property. Nor would amending the Act of Incorporation at the next Session of the Provincial legislature be of any avail for those who vote now had to be qualified to vote on July nineteenth 1924.

So then the only persons who can legally vote in Zion are the members in full communion, and all of them, old and young, male or female, rich or poor alike, each member in full communion has one vote on this important question. And this is as it should be in the Presbyterian Church for the constitution reads thus about voting:—

"All members in full communion, male and female have the right to vote at all congregational meetings . . . . . At any meeting of the congregation when matter relating to the temporal affairs of the congregation and not affecting the . . . . disposal of property are under consideration, adherents who contribute regularly for the support of the Church and its ordinances may vote." Blue Book Rule 14.

The suggestion that if the Session and Trustees would only agree to it they might concede the franchise to women members and adherents, is misleading, for however willing they may be to recognize a certain moral right to adherents, their hands are tied by the Dominion Act for they must fulfill its provisions.

I am, Sir, Etc.,
GEO. A. CHRISTIE,
Chairman Union Sub-Committee, for P. E. I.,
Alberton, Jan. 10.

STREET PAVING ACCOUNTS

Sir,—Would it be asking you too much to publish the section of the Provincial Act or the City By-Law under which property holders are assessed a part of the cost of concrete sidewalks and asphalt paving laid in front of their real estate holdings.

I think most owners were under the impression that the amounts which they paid under these special levies were collected to help pay for these improvements. The value of his property was enhanced by the street improvement and it was reasonable for the owner to pay a portion of the cost.

But it would now seem by the City Accounts that the monies paid by the interested property owners for sidewalk and paving assessments do not go to pay for sidewalks and paving at all. But instead are used to pay for Police, Protection, Education, Street Lighting, Fire Department and all the other city services.

On the surface there appears to be a glaring misappropriation of funds. Perhaps publication of the regulations would clear it up.

I am, Sir, etc.,
OWNER

Clause 6 et seq. of An Act to further amend the City of Charlottetown Incorporation Act. Laws of P. E. Island for 1919, Cap. 17, 9-10 George V.

6—BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that whensoever and so often hereafter as the City Council shall undertake the laying down of a permanent street or a portion thereof or making permanent improvements to the pavement of any street, the owners of the sevaral parcels of land on both sides of the street bordering on that part of the street upon which said permanent work shall be made, shall together bear one-third of the cost thereof and the remaining two-thirds of such cost shall be borne by the City; provided that where any property of the City borders on such street it shall as owners of said land, assume its share of the cost of improvements the same as a private owner and provided further where Public Squares or property exempt from taxes shall border on such street the City shall in relation to the said street improvements assume its share of the cost thereof in a like manner as if the City were the owner of the said Square or property.

7.—The cost of the work so performed on any street shall in the first place be paid out of the moneys provided for permanent works and the amount for which the owners of said several parcels of land bordering on the part of the street or highway on which said improvement is made, shall repay to the City their proportion of the cost as hereinafter provided.

8.—On the completion of said permanent work on any street the City Surveyor shall prepare and submit to the City Council a statement certifying and showing the actual cost of the permanent work on said street, including all labor and material; and the City Surveyor shall also in said statement certify and apportion one-third of the said total cost among the parcels of land bordering on that part of the street upon which the permanent work shall have been made as aforesaid so that the amount apportioned to each parcel shall bear

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Let Your Banker Collect It

If you wish to collect a debt from a party in another section, you can have your banker draw a draft on him at sight or for a given time. This will be presented through his local banker as request for payment from you. When your draft is paid it is turned over to the payer. It is his receipt for an account paid.

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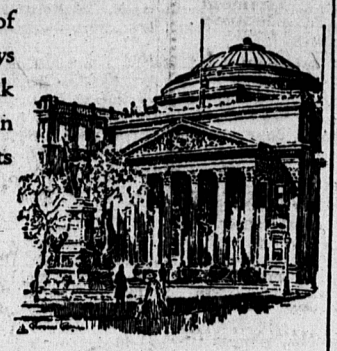

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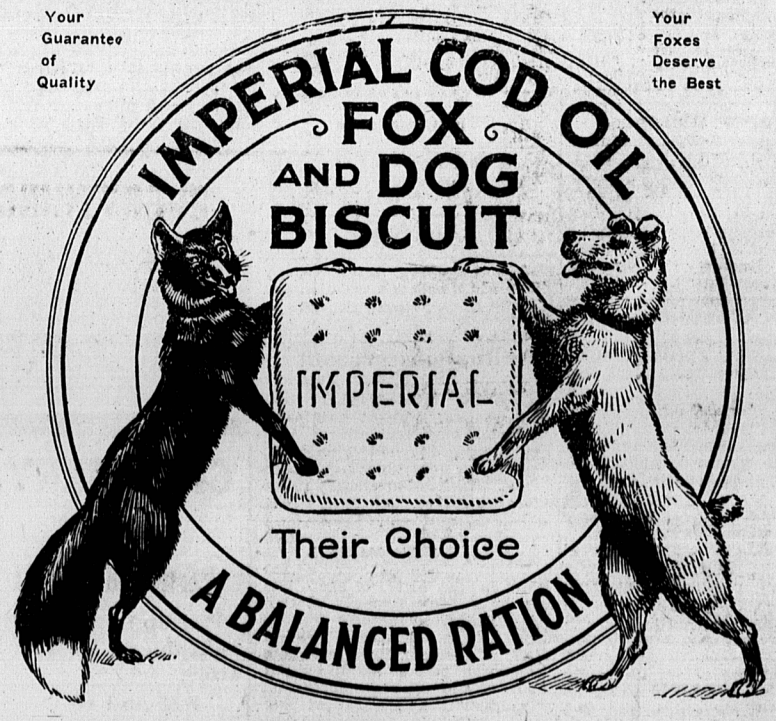

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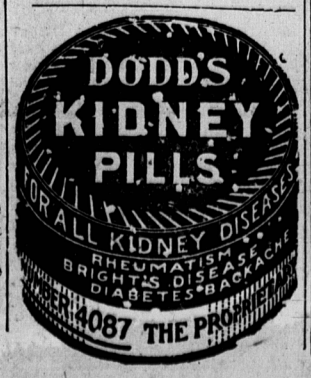
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