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A DOUBLE TREAT

Under the auspices of St. Charles' Auxiliary the annual Easter Monday entertainment for the benefit of the Charlottetown Hospital will be given in the Prince Edward Theatre.

There are two good reasons why this entertainment should receive the most generous patronage of our citizens. First, it is in aid of a worthy local institution.

The second reason is that we owe to our local talent all the assistance and the encouragement we can give them.

LITTLE, YET HOW GREAT

We are frequently indebted to the Pioneer for much information, which if not valuable, is always interesting, and seldom comes through the usual channels.

"A telegram from Mr. A. E. McLean, M. P., received today, informs us that the Prime Minister informed Mr. McLean on Thursday night that all fertilizers have been placed on the free list on his (Mr. Hon. Mr. King's) personal recommendation in accord with the request of Island members and to carry out his pledge to P. E. Island when representative of Prince."

So then it transpires that it was not the Progressives—as had commonly been supposed—who dictated the King government's fertilizer policy, but the Prime Minister himself and at the dictation of the "Solid Four" from Prince Edward Island!

The excessive modesty of these four Prince Edward Island representatives in withholding this information in the face of a widespread imputation that they had never done anything for their province during their incumbency, will no doubt be placed to their credit.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

Hon. John E. Sinclair has made a speech on the Budget, and other related and unrelated topics. A synopsis of it appears in a despatch to the Patriot.

Mr. Sinclair concludes that more protection is not necessary for the prosperity of farmers. From this it appears that he thinks that the duties on American farm products such as grain, butter, cheese, meats, poultry and eggs coming into Canada are quite as high as they ought to be.

Mr. Sinclair was not elected to speak and legislate at Ottawa for American farmers. He was elected to speak and legislate for the farmers and others who live in Queen's County, Prince Edward Island.

We are told in the summary of Mr. Sinclair's speech that he estimated the Budget reduction of taxation at \$2.70 for every man, woman and child in Canada. This reads like a joke.

The revenue will lose millions by the French and Italian trade treaties from reduced duties on wines and silks and woollens.

Mr. Sinclair thinks that our Province needs more branch railways. A much greater need is the standardizing of the gauge of the railways we have which has been loudly called for and is long overdue.



That Body of Ours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

WHAT ABOUT THE TONSILS?

Does the removal of tonsils in a wholesale manner come in waves? Some years ago, it was said that tonsils were but natural to the body, they should not be removed.

Later it was said that they usually disappeared during childhood, that they should be removed if they persisted past the age of fifteen.

Then again it was said that if they were very large they were likely interfering with proper breathing and might start tuberculosis.

However, where the tonsils are both ragged, and there is a history of repeated attacks of tonsillitis, the tonsils should always be removed.

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

THE SOUL'S FIRESIDE

Duty done in the soul's fireside.—Joseph Cook.

Ah, the peace of that blessed night! Ah, the warmth of that cheery blaze!

The heart that's leal and the eye that's single Find this crown to their faithful days.

After the hunger, the cold, the labor, The self-denial, the earnest quest— Comes the hearthshine, the friend-ly neighbor.

The soul's fireside and the Unseen Guest.

Steadfast toil piles the seasoned fuel, Sweeps the litter and sets the chair. Faith and hope, with their influence dual, Light the dwelling and make it fair.

No other home hath the weary spirit, None more sweet could an angel frame; Joy by this fireside sings, oh, hear it!

But love must furnish the kindling flame.—Julia Boynton Green.

always golden. If more branch railways are needed why did not Mr. Sinclair and his three Island colleagues get busy with Sir Henry Thornton and the Railway Directors last year, or this year, when the list of twenty-six branches was being made up?

If provision is not made for the standardizing of the railway lines in King's and Eastern Queen's this year it will be nothing short of shameful, with over a thousand miles of new building prepared for elsewhere.

With nothing yet in the estimates, why are our people kept in suspense? What is done or left undone this year in this matter will be the gauge by which our electors will measure the energy and influence, or the neglect and uselessness of our representatives at Ottawa.

Happenings of the Week

MY LADY SPRINGTIME

Aha! said Lady Springtime Stepping daintily along, It's really time that winter Got a hint that he's in wrong.

So I'll say to him: "Get hence, old dear, You simply don't belong!"

So she tripped along so gracefully A crocus in one hand The other waved a daffodil As she called a gay command.

Old Winter never budged an inch— Just growled: "What's that you say?"

And placed a huge and icy foot On either side the way. "Your dates are mixed, fair maid!" said he.

Spring drew back, disgusted. "Why—you mean old thing!" she said, "The world's just simply tired of you."

And longed for me instead. And you may not know it, stupid! But you really ARE quite dead!"

Then King Sol turned his burning gaze On our old Winter's form: "You'll have to go, old chap," said he.

For on came Spring, triumphant. A garland on her head; And birds and flowers and breezes sweet Followed where she led.

An unusually large number of Canadians are to be presented at this year's courts, the first of which is to be held on May 20.

An announcement interesting in this connection is that H. R. H. the Princess Mary and the Viscount Lascelles will give a dinner at Chesterfield House on April 22, followed by a reception to Dominion visitors identified with Empire exhibits.

The following officers were at Government House, Ottawa, the guests of His Excellency the Governor-General for the Vimy dinner: Major-General Sir A. C. Macdonell, of Kingston; Major-General J. T. Fothering, of Toronto; General J. L. Trembley, of Quebec; Col. MacPhail, of Kingston; Col. W. Hendrie, of Hamilton; Col. R. Marshall, of Toronto; Lieut. Col. J. L. Ralston, Halifax; Lieut. Col. J. Hill, of London, and Lieut. Col. D. A. McKinnon, of Charlottetown.

Mrs. F. P. Taylor leaves this morning for Montreal, where she will join Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Taylor of Westmount on a holiday trip to Atlantic City.

Her numerous friends will be glad to know that Mrs. B. Rogers is getting along nicely after her operation on Tuesday last, according to advices received from Malden, Mass., where Mrs. Rogers has been visiting Dr. and Mrs. Hunt.

The marriage of Miss Kathleen Maude Parsons, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Parsons, and granddaughter of Mrs. R. T. Holman, Summerside, to Mr. Leonard Gillespie Reid, son of the late Sir William Reid and of Lady Reid, of Ottawa.

Without solicitation on the part of Mr. Spencer, but solely because we desire to assist him in redressing a grievous wrong to the reputation of one of our citizens, in whom we have every confidence, we attended a meeting on Thursday afternoon, April 17th, when the above letter from Mr. Spencer and the matters he referred to were fully gone into, and we voluntarily signed our names as an expression of approval of the foregoing letter.

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In three days this week I have investigated various rumors in reference to the party mentioned in the anonymous letter, that have been rampant for weeks, and not only was each and every one without the slightest scintilla of truth, but all were ridiculous to the greatest possible extent, suggestive of nothing more than idle, senseless gossip, those participating never seeming to realize its seriousness and the incalculable damage that can thus be inflicted.

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A SCANDAL KILLED

Sir,—Will you kindly allot me the necessary space in your valuable columns to make a very plain and candid reference to a certain matter, which I deem of sufficient public import for such drastic treatment.

Some weeks ago, on the eve of my departure to the United States I received an anonymous letter from Charlottetown, and another immediately after my return, both directed toward blackening the character of a valued and trusted Charlottetown employee of mine.

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Just how far-reaching and injurious has been this fusillade of untruths and misrepresentation was revealed at the gathering of ladies Wednesday, and of gentlemen Thursday, and how the future health, happiness and prosperity of an entire family, which had been absolutely devoted to and living for each other, is jeopardized in this city of Christian churches and a Christian people.

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Your Birthday

APRIL 18.—Your great desire and ambition is to accomplish something more than the ordinary. Persevere, and do not let the greatness of any undertaking deter you from the effort.

APRIL 19.—You are of an artistic temperament, intellectual and shrewd, and fond of music and travel. You are a great lover of nature, and spend as much time as possible out of doors. You are careful to your possessions, and know how to make the best of them. You have many close friendships. Learn to appreciate love when it comes, and never listen to gossip about those dear to you.

Your birthstone is a diamond, which means innocence. Your flower is a daisy. Your lucky colors are red and yellow.

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