

THE CHARLOTTETOWN GUARDIAN

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INSPECTION NEEDED

Occasionally citizens are startled by the ringing of the fire bell and by the announcement that some one's store or office or home has either been totally destroyed or badly damaged.

In these circumstances, knowing that not only property but life is at stake would it not be the part of wisdom to examine these various "causes" before, not after, the fire has occurred?

The matter of appointing an inspector has been taken up and discussed quite frequently, particularly after a more than ordinarily damaging fire, but once the fire cools down, the demand for inspection ceases.

GERMAN REPARATIONS

The resolution moved by Mr. Woodsworth, Labor member for Centre-Winthrop and seconded by Mr. Irvine of Calgary, another Labor member, met with short shrift in the House of Commons.

The debate on the motion to introduce the resolution was participated in by a number of members on all three sides of the House and the aspersions of the mover were severely scored.

"I do not want to be understood," said Mr. Meighen, "as saying that this country is probably going to collect the measure of reparation that now, under the covenant, is our due."

"I am going to give my idea of the principle on which reparations should be founded. There is no doubt that German damage in this war is beyond all power of Germany to pay."

ROTARY BY RADIO

This week Rotarians the world over, are celebrating the 18th anniversary of the founding of the organization. Messages are being sent out from the largest broadcasting stations and are being received by hundreds of radio centres throughout the world.

This evening, Friday, from 9.30 to 9.42 Eastern Standard time, the International President of Rotary, Mr. Hovens, will give an address and Past President Greiner will speak from 9.18 to 9.30.

ALTHOUGH LATE

To the credit of the Bell government we frankly admit that, at least in its rarely righteous moods it acts upon advice, freely and with the best intentions, tendered it by The Guardian.

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Notes By The Way

The new trade treaty with France has come before Parliament and will be ratified. It will make but little difference to the people of Prince Edward Island or of Canada.

Messrs. Fielding and Lapointe have made large concessions. What Canada chiefly gives is lower duties on wines and silks and luxuries, because, as Mr. Fielding says, France is a producer of luxuries.

Improvements to the passenger service between this province and the mainland have long been needed. Improvements in the winter train service for both passengers and freight within the province has been much desired by all during and since the long succession of heavy snow storms.

It is now past midwinter and what has come of all our efforts? No improvement at all has been made in our transport service or for the comfort and convenience of passengers to and from mainland points.

As to the much needed second winter steamer no promise has yet been given by the Government and no provision made in the estimates laid before Parliament.

Formerly for many years we had two winter steamers. If either of them got stuck or met with an accident the other could and did go to her assistance.

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 expressed by its correspondents.

The Hospital Difficulty

Sir—In yesterday's Guardian Mr. H. V. Buntain advises the press to refuse further letters re the Hospital difficulty. That would be a strange method of informing the public regarding this important question.

Such joint meetings should afford every opportunity necessary for co-operation and if co-operation is not possible, then another plan must be sought for the Hospital staff to continue.

This plan I submit may have to be adopted and the public should have ample time to consider it before the annual meeting in May next.

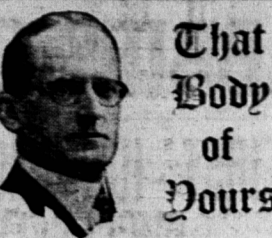
Further, if a similar plan were adopted by the City Hospital staff, it would be a great relief to the Hospital staff and the public.

I am, Sir, etc.

HOSPITAL SUPPORTER

Presbyterian Benevolent

Sir—May I direct the attention of the Presbyterian section of your readers to the Special Benevolent Fund of the Synod of the Maritime Provinces.



By James W. Barton, M.D.

That Body of Yours

ARE YOU REALLY ALIVE

I am asking this question in the sincerest manner as I have no desire to be flippant. You see many people think they are in good health if they are free from any gross disease.

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I am, Sir, etc.

C. C. MacINTOSH, Treasurer

Stellarton, N. S., Feb. 19th, 1923.

It is Never too Late

Sir—Being a reader of your paper I saw and read the letters on "What Constitutes A Lady." My first thought was to enter immediately a few remarks on the subject and on second thoughts I was contented to wait and see what others would say before venturing my opinion.

I am, Sir, etc.

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LOVING AND LIVING

It is only in our loves that we really live. What we hate is dead to us; and the wider the range of our hearts, the narrower our lives.

In the present crisis the first consideration should be for efficiency and with this, fairness to all with a full safeguarding of every public interest.

OLD FASHIONED MOTHER

King's County.

The P. E. Island Hospital

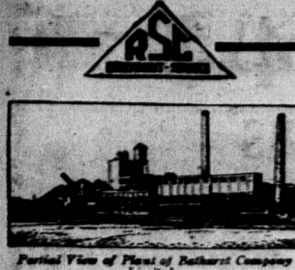
Sir—The P. E. I. Hospital strike for despite protest to the contrary it is a strike pure and simple.

A good many people, whether with good reasons or otherwise, have an impression that the Hospital was established more as a benefactor to the doctors than to the general public.

It is also highly desirable that the profession should be represented upon the Hospital Board, not because they ask for it but because the Board will be the more efficient with the advice and assistance which an intelligent physician is always able to give.

If our Hospital is to give the service which its supporters have a right to expect, it must be run upon broad and open lines for the benefit of the whole people, and for no favoured few.

I am, Sir, etc. ARGUS



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