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Monday, being Thanksgiving Day and a public holiday, the Guardian will not be published on Tuesday.

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SHIPPING DIFFICULTIES

Owing, partly no doubt, to the unprecedented quantity of potatoes that are being moved and the hundreds of thousands of bushels yet to be shipped before the heavy frosts come, but evidently largely to the usual neglect of Prince Edward Island's interests, shippers are complaining of the scarcity of protected and even ordinary freight cars.

The Potato Growers' Association placed their requisition for a sufficient number of cars early in September and they were given the usual promises but the promises have not been kept.

There is no doubt a scarcity of cars on the whole system but other provinces seem to be able to get all the cars they need although the needs of the mainland provinces are not comparable to ours. Here we have little more than a month to ship in. The Potato Growers' Association foresaw this and made what they believed was the necessary provision for it, also received the usual promises but, to parody a famous phrase "Ottawa's far and honour a name," and we haven't got the cars.

It had been hoped that, with a Prince Edward Island representative on the Railway Board, things would have been more favorable to us this year but the reverse is the case. The local railway men are doing their best, what are the heads going to do about it?

MR. KING HOLDS ON

We infer from The Guardian's Ottawa despatches that Premier King has decided to meet parliament and to convene the session on Dec 10th. Neither from the point of view of the country's interests nor Premier King's personal interest will his friends or his opponents approve his decision.

At his speech at Richmond Hill, in his own constituency in North York, with which he opened the campaign, he gave as one of his reasons for appealing to the country a year earlier than he otherwise would that he wanted his government re-inaugurated at the polls with a sufficient majority to enable him to implement his pre-election promises of reform. If this majority were not given him, he declared, he would ask His Excellency the Governor General for a dissolution and would call on a second general election.

He has come back with a shattered party, reduced in numbers, he himself defeated in a constituency which supported him at the last election, all his leading ministers, ancient and modern, defeated. The things he had promised to do for Canada, the reforms he had promised, the immigration which he had promised to stimulate—all the things he was going to do four years ago and could not do because of an insufficient majority he now persists in attempting to do with a smaller following and with an overwhelming majority against him in all but two provinces!

In all the failures which have characterized Mr. Mackenzie King's regime his greatest mistake is his decision to meet parliament and carry on. His allies, the Progressives, who, by shifting and bartering, kept the government in office, have come back with less than half the strength they had gone to the people with. They all went down to ignominious defeat and Mr. Mackenzie King went a head.

Such a spectacle has not been seen in Canada and it stamps Mr. Mackenzie King as a small politician whose only interest is himself. As the Ottawa Journal well puts it, after reviewing all the circumstances, "The present is a case where any decent man would be ashamed to try to carry on."

EDITORIAL NOTES

There is no change in the local political situation since yesterday morning.

Any fine weather that may be vouchsafed to us during the present month or early December will, by common consent, be called Indian Summer. It is one of our indefinite seasons and had its origin in Indian fable. The good Indian was supposed to provide in the autumn the provision required for the winter months. Some Indians, like some white people, neglected to make this provision. And each winter saw many Indians in want. To give such as these a second chance the Great Spirit kindly provided a season of fine weather in the early winter. This season they call Indian Summer.

The summer now ended has been remarkable for its visitations to this province, all of them welcome and all mutually enjoyable. Beginning with the Progressive members of parliament others followed, among them the Quebec Union of Municipalities, the Maritime Firemen, the Medical Association, the Pharmaceutical Association, the Masonic Grand Lodge, the Orange Grand Lodge, the Oddfellows, and last but not least our present visitors, the representatives of the Maritime Boards of Trade with visitors and delegates from other provinces. It is gratifying to remember that during a summer of unusually broken weather the very best of weather was vouchsafed for all these visitations and in every function arranged for "all went merry as a wedding bell." The natural inference is that Prince Edward Island is an ideal place for conventions.

Constitutionally Premier Mackenzie King has the authority and right to hang on to office till formally defeated in the House of Commons and he has determined to stick to his rights. But the decision will not raise him in informed public opinion either here or throughout the Empire as common decency demanded he should accept the decision at the polls and recommend the Governor-general to send for the leader of the largest group to form a government. Evidently Mr. King expects an informal coalition of Quebec Protectionists and Prairie Free Traders to keep him in power, a thing repugnant to every right thinking politician and honest business man. The leaves and fishes have had more influence with Mr. King and his advisers than the true interests of the Dominion which shall be permitted further to suffer until the familiar Providence he so often appealed to during the campaign wills it otherwise. But will the country stand for such travesty statesmanship?

One of the most promising and most deserving of our public institutions is the Women's Institutes and it is gratifying to note that they are steadily increasing in number. As noted elsewhere in this issue the first District Convention of the Women's Institutes in this Province will be held this Friday afternoon in North Lake Hall, Elmira Division, at 2.30 to be followed in the evening at 7 with a tea service. We trust the Convention and tea will be well attended.

Notes By The Way

We postulate the theory that any widespread commotion and excited conflict and perturbation among the people might affect atmospheric conditions and give rise to unfavorable weather such as prevailed throughout the election campaign. Even the radio worked badly during the same period. Once the voting was over, the result known and the renting and roaring of contending campaigners had ceased the bad weather ended and no rain or snow has fallen in the week since. We hereby file a caveat for a patent on our great discovery and will resist any infringement of our rights.

So many are the ups and downs of elections that most candidates, especially the seasoned politicians, are neither very much elated by a victory nor depressed by defeat. There are, of course, exceptions to the rule both among candidates and their supporters. Political opponents are often very good friends personally, and treat each other with courtesy and fairness. This is the wiser and also the more politic course. "Hello, Blank! Luck is against you this time, but next time you may come in ahead. I thought a blanket would cover us as we came in under the wire this time!" The remark was made by a successful candidate in an election in another province years ago as he and his unsuccessful rival met and shook hands at the close of the poll.

The incident is recalled by the fact that a blanket would almost have covered three of the four candidates in Queen's County on Friday last. It was a close race indeed and vigorously contested from start to finish and what everybody wants to be assured of is who is the winner? It seems at this writing that we must wait till declaration day to learn.

It may be prudent for Premier King to withhold any statement of his intentions until the final result of the polling is officially declared in detail. Then he must make a statement to the country. After that Mr. Meighen will have something to say. What the leaders have to say when the time comes to speak will be read with eager interest, but nothing can alter the fact that in the three of the four English-speaking provinces east of the Lakes a most overwhelming verdict was recorded against the King Government.

Sometimes after a hot election there is a disposition among the victors to exult over a fallen leader.

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Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

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AN UNLIMITED SUPPLY:—If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. John 15:7.

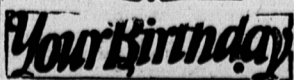
PRAYER:—Our Father, with confidence we come to Thee, for with Christ Thou wilt also freely give us all things.

THANKSGIVING

I cannot give Aught to Thee save what is already Thine; The breath and spirit's flame by which I live, These, Father, are not mine— Not even gratitude, till Thou dost bless My heart and waken it to love and thankfulness, And yet Thy heart, That longs to hear me, "Abba Father," cry, Contrives with infinitely generous art—

Such is Thy courtesy— To take with sweeter thanks than I can show, As though it were a gift, the unmeasured debt I owe.

And when I bring, Oft grudgingly, some trifle of the whole, 'Tis not Thy treasury I enrich, my King, But my impoverished soul, Which, giving, takes again Thyself as dower, And hides its gift where neither moth nor rust devour, —Theodore Maynard.



NOVEMBER 6.—You need to have more ambition and determination if you want to gain success. Folks love you, and value your trustworthy nature. You are tender and true in your affection, and devoted to your family. Cultivate hope, and live out of doors a lot. Your birth-stone is the topaz, which means fidelity. Your flower is the chrysanthemum. Your lucky color is grey.

That Body of Ours

By James W. Burton, M.D.

A "NEW" METHOD OF REDUCING

One of our Southern papers made a very humorous remark recently when it stated that the exercise that reduces the waist line most quickly consists in placing the hands on the table and pushing back.

And many of our clever writers who ridicule the value of exercise, would have less ground for their jests if the exercise above were more generally adopted. They are certainly justified in smiling at some of our stout people who endeavor to reduce their weight by spasmodic and heroic efforts at heavy exercise, and who absolutely forget the exercise mentioned above, of pushing back from the table. Because afterward where the weight is taken on is at the table.

Men and women will spend hours walking, horse back riding, bicycling, at heavy gymnasium work, to get rid of their superfluous weight, and then will not push the table away, but will literally draw it to them, as they take into their system enormous meals, which simply add to their poundage.

Some folks will even go to a Turkish bath establishment, undergo the successive steps from the hot water to the feet, to the plunging in the tank, take off a good three or four pounds, will lie down and take a short nap, then call for a lunch and a liquid refreshment, and before they leave the establishment will have the three pounds back on board again.

Remember that liquids, even water, are foods and build up flesh. You never see a boxer or jockey to whom weight is everything, indulging in liquids to any extent. They keep "dried out" as they call it, abstaining from all liquids. Water is good for everybody all right but puts on weight just the same, because all your foods are mostly water.

Now exercise replaces fat with muscles. No one would ever deny that. But if you will not take the regulation exercise in games or other ways, then remember the advice of one Southern friend, and take the exercise of pushing the table away from you.

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.

A NURSE'S GRADUATION

Sir,—In your issue of October 27th was published an article "A Final Explanation."

In regard to my explanation of the matter as published in an earlier issue it was justified in bringing this to your notice, when it was actuated by envy in the matter. I can assure you such was not the case. I acted solely on the information I received from one of the Sisters in charge of the Hospital at the time. (The letter containing the information is herewith enclosed.)

It is indeed regrettable that this matter has received so much publicity and if the facts were as Miss Chloossey stated them to be, I am very sorry for having taken up so much of your valuable space. But I was distinctly given to understand that at the graduation exercise, there was no distinction made in the respective merits of Miss Chloossey and myself, and I think I was justified in bringing this to your notice, when it was reported otherwise.

I will leave the Sister's letter with you for one week, so that any one interested may call at The Guardian office and see for themselves.

I am Sir, etc., MADEIRA GREENAN 273 Main St., St. John, N. B.

TRADING AT HOME

Sir,—With regard to a letter headed, "Trading at Home" and signed by J. O. Hyndman, in your issue of Nov. 2nd. If Mr. Hyndman would view the matter more deeply he would find that there is another way out, apart from putting a tax on money sent to mail order houses. With reference to the cash plan, I do not think that there is any need of the merchants having entirely cash rules. Some merchants, I don't say all; charge interest on credit given to customers. Cash terms would not benefit these merchants, or in fact any other merchant. Mr. Hyndman says that the people are now anxious to trade at home; in regard to this statement, I think the people were always ready to trade at home under reasonable circumstances. He also states that the merchants of this province are keeping up public institutions. They don't keep up institutions any more than the farmer or other people of this province; and when they do give help to those institutions where does it come from but out of the farmer? They don't give it when they can't afford it! The proprietor or shareholders of those mail order houses give alms, and are taxed in their own province. The merchants of this province don't keep up foreign institutions, therefore we can't expect pecuniary foreign merchants to keep up institutions in this province.

I would like to ask Mr. Hyndman why all the merchants of this

The Foolishness Of Preaching

By Rev. W. R. Inge, Dean of St. Paul's, in The Spectator.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has exhorted the clergy to take more pains with their sermons. The result, as might have been expected, has been that the chronic dissatisfaction of church-goers and others with the spiritual and intellectual food provided for them on Sundays has become more vocal than usual, and that many clergymen have protested that their critics do not seem to realize the difficulties with which they have to contend.

The standard of preaching in the Church of England is certainly low. Not only is the average sermon uninspiring, but there is a dearth of outstanding preachers whose reputations can be compared with those of Liddon, Magee, Phillips Brooks, and Farrar. The few preachers who can still fill any church are men who for one reason or another are in the public eye; they are not great pulpit orators, but they are known to have the courage of their opinion, to say what they think. Most of the preaching in Anglican churches is unworkmanlike and even slovenly, if we judge it as we should judge other professional work. Our preachers do not study the art of hortatory eloquence as the Nonconformist ministers do, nor do they as a rule put so much thought into their discourses as the Scottish Presbyterians, from whom their people demand stronger meat than would be acceptable to most English congregations.

For this deficiency there are several causes. The Anglo-Catholic clergy, with some notable exceptions, disparage preaching. It is, in their opinion, a Protestant error to regard the sermon as the most important part of the service. Some of them seem hardly to prepare their sermons, relying perhaps on the promise given to the Apostles that "it shall be given you in that hour what ye shall speak." This kind of inspiration, however, does not seem to follow necessarily from the possession of the Apostolic Succession. It is also a Catholic principle that the priest is to give the authorized teaching of the Church, not his own opinions. But in these days, if people listen to sermons at all, they want the first-hand convictions of the preacher. A sentence beginning, "The Church teaches," or "The Bible says," leaves them cold.

The tendency to neglect and disparage preaching is doubtless connected with the inferior intellectual quality and the absence of proper training among the younger clergy. It requires no brains to be a purveyor of sacerdotal magic, and this conception of the ministerial office is unfortunately growing. These young men adopt a very dictatorial tone in the pulpit, which repels their hearers, many of whom are far better educated than themselves.

Want of time is often pleaded as the excuse for poor sermons. It is a plea which cannot be accepted, for we can all make time to do our main work, whatever we think it to be. If a clergyman really has no time to prepare his sermons, the probable cause is the inordinate multiplication of church services.

province don't sell their goods on a level with mail order houses? I think if the government would put that two per cent tax on incomes, such as the sixty-five thousand dollar salary that Mr. Henry Thornton got under the King government, it would be a better plan than putting it on the poor farmer, who has a hard time to make ends meet, and who is already overburdened with taxation.

I am Sir, etc., FAIR-PLAY TAX-PAYER

"BLAMING THE FARMER"

Sir,—Having read all of Mr. McIntyre's interesting and useful letters, and also the criticism of "Critic," "Amicus" and "Optimist," it seems a pity to think that all this kindly advice could not have been taken in a better spirit. Perhaps it was the truth of Mr. McIntyre's statements that hurt, as the truth always hurts the most, anyway. If he does not write his own letters, neither does the Banker or the Broker these days. I wonder if "Critic" wrote his or did the school teacher (with the silk stockings) write for him, while he struggled in the corner with great-grandfather's boot-jack? As for Bridget she had better do some scratching among the fellows down there, who will let her chop the wood, pitch hay and fix the battered barn door, while they sit about the house and spit on her clean stove and floor. I am afraid it will take a good many of Mr. McIntyre's knooks to wear away the stone that seems to be keeping the people of Prince Edward Island down. "We are not down" you will probably say, well then, quit kicking about your hard times, poor prospects, poor crops, poor teeth, poor land. If this constant "cry" does not mean that you are down, just where are you then, or where do you expect to be a few years hence? There is

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which cater only for the spiritual luxuries of a mere handful of people, while the mass of actual or potential churchgoers suffers. A real and deplorable obstacle is the extreme poverty of the clergy, which makes it impossible for them to collect a library, and the isolation from all stimulating and intellectual companionship in which many of them are forced to live. This last, however, is partially remedied by clerical discussion societies, which exist in all parts of the country, and to which Nonconformist ministers are often invited. But the want of books is a grievous deprivation, which must have bad effects on preaching. The crumbling of certain parts of the dogmatic structure has undoubtedly increased the difficulty of preaching. There is much uncertainty as to what may be, and should be, said from the pulpit. The people themselves are impatient with dogma. Accordingly, many preachers try to interest their congregation by topical discussions of newspaper controversies, new books, or worst of all, burning ecclesiastical problems, in which their ill-informed tirades generate much more heat than light. There seems to be a kind of fatality that the Church always begins to champion a political party at the moment when it is preparing to abuse its power. The Church never goes into politics without coming out badly smirched, and few sermons are more unprofitable than rambling comments or declamations on secular affairs. It may be asked whether the pulpit any longer exercises a useful function in modern life. Oral teaching is necessary for the illiterate; but we are a reading people, and nothing can be more futile than to try to fill rows of narrow-necked vessels by throwing a bucket of water over them. To which it may be answered that we are not really a reading people, and that, especially in the country, the sermon might be the one oppor-

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