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A Sweeping Victory

The overwhelming victory of the Conservative candidate, Dr. George H. Murphy, in yesterday's Halifax by-election speaks volumes for the confidence of the people of Nova Scotia in the Rhodes Government.

The victory of Dr. Murphy will cause considerable heartburning in Liberal quarters at Ottawa, where the security of the King Government has been greatly undermined in the past few months.

We congratulate Premier Rhodes, his Cabinet and Dr. Murphy upon yesterday's emphatic endorsement of Conservative rule in Nova Scotia.

The Burns Concert

As already announced in the press, the annual Burns Anniversary Concert under the auspices of the Celtic Club will be held on Thursday and Friday of this week in the Prince Edward Theatre.

As in other years, the proceeds of the concert go to charitable and benevolent purposes. No better opportunity is offered our citizens of contributing to a worthy cause while at the same time enjoying an evening of high class entertainment.

From Bad To Worse

The dissatisfaction which has existed with regard to the present Government's administration of the prohibition law has been particularly noticeable in Prince County.

Other matters of complaint are voiced by the Summerside Journal, which suggests that the Prohibition Commission seems to have a very poor opinion of the abilities of the men of Prince County to fill the position of prosecutors.

a Prince County official, who had considerable success in securing convictions, has been laid off, at least temporarily, while a Queens County prosecutor has been operating there for several weeks past.

Complaint is also made of the taking of Summerside men to Charlottetown for trial by the prohibition magistrate. It is contended that there are judges in Prince County quite competent to try these cases and that in the circumstances, the action of the prohibition authorities is altogether unwarranted.

Whatever happens, it is to be hoped the attempt will not be made to lodge Prince County prisoners in the Queens County Jail. The Grand Jury has already reported that the latter institution is over-crowded and it has also referred to cases of venereal disease which, from every standpoint, call for immediate segregation.

The whole problem of jail accommodation, under the existing system, requires a full investigation. If all the bootleggers and liquor supply men were under arrest, it would be some satisfaction even if they had to be billeted, like an invading army, at the citizens' expense.

It is in vain that the Government attempts to shelter itself behind the Prohibition Commission. The Commission was appointed by the Government, and the Government was elected on the specific assurance that it would successfully enforce prohibition. It has failed to do so, and the increasing dissatisfaction that exists with regard to enforcement methods among thinking people of both parties is the measure of its failure.

Up in the Yukon

Occasionally in some dry official memorandum or circular issued to Collectors, says the National Revenue Review, there is an unexpected glint of romance. It may be the mere name of a place or a district which brings a momentary picture of adventure and glamour.

So it was when the memorandum came notifying all officers concerned of the closing of the Preventive Station of Rampart House, Yukon Territory, and the establishment of a station at Old Crow under the port of Dawson. These names conjure up the stories of the Trail of Ninety-Eight, the great stampede into the Klondyke, participated in by people in all walks of life, many of whom expected not only to find gold sacked up beside the trail, but a four horse team standing by the sacks to haul them away for them.

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Notes By The Way

That rabbits have increased in some sections of Ontario to such an extent that an annual "drive" of hunters to destroy them has become necessary, seems remarkable. The district in which the chief trouble exists lies west of Toronto in Peel and adjoining counties.

In a wooded country, the natural increase is checked by foxes, weasels and other carnivorous animals so that it is only in the cleared, open country that rabbits have become a serious nuisance. The rabbit drive in Ontario recalls the experience of Australia and New Zealand where the rabbit pest became almost intolerable during the later years of the last century.

The Canadian farmer is now subject to many imported pests. The Colorado potato bug was an early sample which simply marched and flew across the border. It has cost many millions to hold this destructive insect in check. The corn borer came to Canada from Europe and another pest in the form of a destructive beetle from Japan.

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The tenth anniversary of prohibition in the United States is the subject of very contradictory accounts. The President is himself a total abstainer, although in his early life he took his drink as his predecessors.

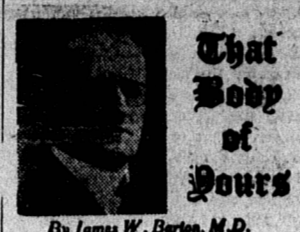
The current belief in the ranks of sincere prohibitionists is that if any man can enforce the prohibitory acts Hoover is the man. But the estimate is that \$300,000,000 yearly will be required to strengthen the enforcement staff sufficiently, and no one believes that Congress can be induced to vote any such sum for the purpose.

In all prohibitionist countries provision has to be made to supply the sick with what the doctors prescribe as necessary for their needs. This costs the patient many times what the authorized vendors pay for the stimulant, and has long been a cause of serious complaint among such patients, and supplies one of the reasons why smugglers, bootleggers and home brewers take the risks they do, and why the jails overflow with drunks, unlawful owners, convicted smugglers and distributors of contraband liquor.

The civic election in Charlottetown is drawing near and is marked by less general interest than is usual. This result may be taken as an indication that our citizens are fairly well satisfied with the administration of civic affairs during the past year.

It is not desirable that our citizens should become or remain indifferent to their duties. Public apathy in civic matters is always undesirable and is frequently productive of loss and trouble. A civic election is of no small importance. Of all the organizations by which we are governed and taxed—civic, provincial and federal—the City Council comes closest to the home life of the people in the cities.

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By James W. Burton, M.D.

EPILEPSY AND DIGESTION

I have spoken before of a series of 55 cases of epilepsy that were all cured—temporarily—by having a portion of the large intestine removed.

Unfortunately at intervals varying from a few months to a few years the epilepsy returned again in all of these cases.

I spoke also of a case I had kept free from epilepsy for 15 months by the washing out of the patient's stomach nearly every other day.

Now although epilepsy is thought to be due to some little trouble in the brain nothing has ever been found about the structure of the brain in epileptics that would give a positive clue to the cause of epilepsy.

However if removing a portion of the large intestine and washing out the stomach prevents attacks then there must be some relation between the digestive tract and epilepsy.

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This would seem to complete the case against the digestive tract. And yet as the brain controls the activity of the digestive tract where it moves its contents along slowly or rapidly, you can see how closely the two are related.

It has been found that in epileptics the processes of the body work a little slower than in others, and can be made to work even more slowly under certain conditions.

The thought then, aside from any drug treatment is that these individuals should eat a little less food than others, that they should spread meals well apart, that they should cut down somewhat on meats.

The fact that where a starvation treatment has been used no attacks have occurred tells its own story. These individuals should be outdoors as much as possible, and have employment suited to their particular abilities, when possible.

Dr. Davis advises the use of an extract of one of the ductless glands which has the effect of strengthening the natural processes in the body. I talk frequently about epilepsy because it is the cause of much misery in many homes.

THE LAND WE LOVE
By FRANK YEIGB
THE CANADIAN TARIFF
Q. What are the main features of the Canadian tariff?

A. The three main schedules of the Canadian tariff are: British Preferential, Intermediate and General.

LORD HEWART ON NEWSPAPERS

Lord Hewart, the lord chief Justice of England makes but few public appearances off the Bench, but on these rare occasions he generally contrives to say something that is worth while.

"How agreeable are the reflections that are excited in the mind by those two words—news-room and library! In all our troubles and adversities, our negligences and ignorances, our dangers and necessities, what a solace is to be found in books and in newspapers! The ingratitude of monarchs and the ingratitude of democracies are proverbial.

"But how about the ingratitude of readers? It is indeed rather a fashion to gird at newspapers. The occasional poet is busy with—

"The vespertine rumour and the matutinal lie
Which adorn the lucubrations of the Press."

"The after-dinner speaker, most unfortunate of men, has done his worst, which is also his best, with the theme. And certainly, when Burke spoke of the cheap defence of nations, he was not thinking of the newspaper Press. But after all the person who sneers at the Press, asks for the newspaper, when he comes down, if he does come down to breakfast, and later in the day if he suffers from insomnia in the afternoon, none is more urgent for the paper which boasts the fair name of evening.

"In a country that enjoys, or has, or is supposed to have, representative institutions the newspaper is, of course, a necessity. It is not any the worse for that. But do we always think as gratefully, or indeed as justly, as we might of the amazing ability, diligence, care and learning, the wit, the humor, the skill, and the versatility, the dutifulness, the courage, the conscientiousness, and the sheer hard work which go to the making of the best kind of newspaper?

The Daily Miracle
"Let it be granted, if you please, that the production of newspapers is mixed up with the art of making money. So, too, are all the practical arts. So is medicine, for example; so is surgery; so is accountancy; so is engineering; so even is law. With such a being as man in such a world as the present, these things perhaps are not to be avoided.

"But when we take in our hands a really first-rate English daily newspaper, do we always reflect upon the re-curent miracle of the leading articles—so aptly chosen and to-day so happily named, the rapid harvest of we know not how much brilliancy in school and university, how severe a training in affairs, how fine a character, and how wise a mind? Or turn to the special articles, of which there may seem to the casual reader to be an easy and unceasing supply, do we stop to think in what circumstances, and by whom those topics are chosen, with what anxious care the writers are engaged, and with what unsparing labour the work is produced?

"Or, when we look at the telegrams and reports from all quarters of the world, the work of the foreign department, the work of the reviewing staff, the work of the sub-editors, the work of the reporters, and not least the work of the law reporters, together with an infinity of work besides, are we not sometimes a little inclined to take everything for granted, to think that somehow the newspaper automatically produces itself, and to forget that every issue of that journal which means so much to us pre-supposes and depends upon the daily initiative, the daily industry, and the deliberate organization and correlation of the daily industry of a vast unseen band of highly skilled and conscientious artists?

"To conceal the art is, no doubt, a work of art. But there are occasions, and perhaps this may be one of them when a debt which is not always visible, and is never claimed, may at least be gratefully acknowledged.

The Appeal of Books
"Or let us for a moment leave the news-room for the library. Here at any rate, subject to anything our less wakeful neighbours may do, we can pass our time in rest and quietness. Growing a little older, as the physician said to the highly strung lady who was addicted to shoplifting, we should learn to take things more quietly. No doubt the aversion to literature is naturally so strong in the human mind that the appeal which books never cease to offer is addressed chiefly, at any given moment, to a comparative few.

"But what an appeal it is! Is it not Walter Savage Landor who reminds us that just as the noble mansion is

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Scout News and Notices

Since their holiday entertainments Scouts generally have been confining their attention and energies to routine work. The St. Dunstan's Troop is now under the direction of Mr. John Macdonald, of the Bank of Montreal son of the Hon. J. A. Macdonald, M. P., and will be heard of soon in some public entertainment. The Kirk Troop, under Mr. J. A. Lawson, contemplate putting on an entertainment to raise funds sometime before Easter. Mr. Hines is busy putting his troop, the King's Own, into ship-shape, preparatory for outdoor exercises as soon as the weather permits.

The three members from Picotou district, Mr. Longley, S. M., Mr. Harvey, A. S. M., respectively, along with Mr. Robertson, District of Toronto, were present at the annual meeting of Picotou Scout Leaders, held at New Picotou for the election of officers for the ensuing year.

Our Troops have not got the length of publishing a paper of their own as do many other districts. There came to one of the Jamboree Scouts this week "The Monthly Miscellaneous Message," from Weyburn, Sask., with this simple but characteristic greeting:

"How! Spud.
Hope you like it.
FAT."

"Fat" is none other than Scout Wm. Ballantyne, joint editor of the "M. M. M.," who was one of the Willingdon Troop at the Jamboree. The "M. M. M." is a great credit to its editors and to its subscribers. There are two troops and a cub pack with a total of 45 all told, yet they maintain this monthly bulletin of ten foolscap pages, mimeographed—all the work of the Scouts themselves.

Of course the Editors of the "M. M. M." have their troubles and trials like their brothers of an older growth, as witness:

"The Official Organ of the Weyburn Boy Scouts."
We believe that if something doesn't happen very soon the above title will be changed to "The Official Organ of a Few Weyburn Scouts." Up-to-date, we have received very few contributions out of around 45 Scouts. Do you call that supporting the paper? Even though you may be writing a serial does not say that you are supporting the paper. The Editors should be receiving more contributions than they can handle, not including such things as jokes, etc. So far we have not received any original jokes.

Why do you leave all the work to us?—The M. M. M. is as much yours as it is the Editors.

We like this manly hitting from the shoulder, and would pass the hint to Prince Edward Island Scouts to do something more in the direction of supporting this column by their contributions.

From the "M. M. M." we learn the Ambrose Rations consisted of the following:
42,000 tins of sardines.
Half a ton of Mustard.
5 tons of tea.
10 tons of coffee.
9 tons of beans.
15 tons of butter.
17 tons of jam.
17 cwt. of marmalade.
13 tons of rice.
10 tons of turnips.
3 tons of flour.

Another Successful Year for Continental Life
The results achieved by the Continental Life Insurance Company in 1929 will be very gratifying to those interested in the Company's progress:
Insurance in force \$38,830,670.00
Insurance issued 9,205,803.00
Assets 6,705,719.80
Reserves 5,084,509.00
Income 1,675,143.33
Payments to policyholders and beneficiaries in 1929 663,518.48
Copy of complete Report for 1929 mailed on request
Continental Life Insurance Company
Head Office TORONTO
GEORGE B. WOODS President
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25 tons of cabbage.
Some appetites, those Scouts!
Another hint from "M. M. M." worth passing along:
"Are there any Scouts who have a better suggestion than a snow hike, daylight or dark? If so we would like to hear it. I think myself that we are losing time. A daylight hike would be good, to examine bark, observe tracks, one party tracking the other; it is so much easier by day than at night for recruits."
Now then, P. E. I. Scouts, it is up to you.

COLDS!
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The Poet's Corner

FRAGMENT

When on the verge of evening the last blue light is broken,
And winds of dreamy odor are loosed from afar;
Or when my lattice opens, before the lark has spoken,
On dim laburnum blossoms and morning's dying star.

I think of thee—O mine the more if other eyes be sleeping—
Whose greater noonday splendors the my share and see,
While, sacred and forever, some perfect law is keeping
The late and early twilight alone and sweet for me.
—Louise Imogen Guiney
Note.—These lines haunted the late Sir Walter Raleigh, after he read them, some twenty years ago.
No matter how deep-rooted the corn may be, it must yield to Holloway's Corn Remover if used as Directed.