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VAIN BOASTING

It is doubtful wisdom, while seeking financial assistance from the federal government, to boast that we are the wealthiest province per capita in Canada.

As already stated, we are not the wealthiest province in the Dominion. Our farmers by incessant toil and economy manage to make ends meet.

In the face of the circumstances as they exist additional taxation would be very discouraging to the majority of our farmers.

THE POTATO SURPLUS

The Department of Agriculture of New Brunswick is encouraging the erection and operation of starch factories in those districts which have been specializing in potato growing.

Encouragement of young industries by the State is necessary, even vital, to their success. It may be recalled that something of the sort took place in Germany before the Great War.

process which left the potato in much the same condition as our "dried apples," and therefore capable of being held over for long periods.

In this province a similar necessity exists with regard to caring for our surplus potatoes. While arrangements are being considered for opening up new markets in the Dominion and elsewhere other means will no doubt be discovered in course of time to dispose of this, one of our most profitable products.

N. B. DID NOT BITE

There is a news item from Charlottetown, says the Saint John Telegraph Journal.

"A bill before the Legislature of Prince Edward Island gives an ex gratia payment of \$8,000 to British ex-army officers, who, it is alleged, were defrauded by the misrepresentations of Andrew Fraser Mitchell, of London, who was appointed immigration agent by the provincial government in February, 1923."

Mr. Mitchell was in Fredericton trying to interest the New Brunswick Government in his scheme before he went to Prince Edward Island, but the province turned Mr. Mitchell down.

A PARALLEL

The Hon. R. J. Manion, Conservative member for Fort William, during the debate on the Budget in the House of Commons made one of the most telling speeches of the session.

"It is a bad system, a thoroughly vicious system, and that is the reason why the present administration has been seeking to put an end to a system which grew up at a time when the country was in the throes of war or had to meet a post-war situation."

This surely is, as Mr. Manion says a strange leadership "that brings in Old Age Pensions one day and brands it as a vicious principle the next!"

There seems to be a definite relationship between the federal Liberal leadership at Ottawa and the provincial Liberal leadership in Prince Edward Island; each is attempting the impossible feat of going two ways at once.

EDITORIAL NOTES

One of the inconveniences in the beautiful spring and summer time is the boy with the hose who cleans the front store windows, usually during the forenoon, to the annoyance and besprinkling of pedestrians particularly ladies. This work should be completed before nine o'clock in the morning.

Notes By The Way

When things are at their worst sometimes the unexpected happens. This is the case with the potato market. The jump in prices when most farmers were thinking of throwing their valuable certified table stock out with their seed potatoes as fertilizer has turned pessimism into optimism.

Gambling rarely or ever pays. Once in a blue moon a man proves lucky, but he rarely knows when to stop, with the consequence that his winnings, together with considerably more, go on a second or third throw of the dice.

THE MILD

The Mild: Miss Brown is not in. Visitor: May I leave my card? Never mind, she saw who it is.

Who is going to win the championship in junior oratory is now the question agitating many minds. There will certainly be one of the keenest competitions ever attempted on Friday, May 3 in Charlottetown.

Dried beans and coarse vegetables are examples. Others are lettuce, celery, cabbage, radishes, and spinach, all of which, Dr. Welch points out, lead to fermentation in the large intestine.

It does mean, however, that these foods should be well chewed and mixed with the saliva, the digestive juice in the mouth, because a good deal of preparation for absorption by the small intestine can thus be done.

A "wise" member of the Government party in the Legislature boasted that the report of the Public Accounts Committee did away with the necessity for an External Audit. Does it? In the first place the report submitted was only a majority report, merely the ipse dixit of the Government members.

The fund for the Boy Scouts is making progress, and is deserving of liberal support from all who have boys' work at heart. It is sincerely to be hoped that before the end of this month, a "sum sufficient" will be subscribed to enable the Provincial Commissioner and his executive to send the Province's full complement to represent us at the Dominion Jamboree at Ottawa in July and the International Jamboree in England in August.

It is getting more and more apparent Prince Edward Island has only one representative at Ottawa, the Hon. J. A. Macdonald. He is the only one who gains concessions from the Government and gets our grievances aired. He receives no assistance from the other members but on the other hand, when they see that Mr. Macdonald is scoring heavily and bringing the Government to his way of thinking, one by one, Mr. Sinclair, Mr. Jenkins and Mr. McLean "chip in" to say what they allege they had done secretly without effect, and to justify their voting publicly against what they alleged they worked for secretly!

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Dr. James W. Barton, M.D.

That Body of Hours

HEWING THE FOOD PREVENTS DISTENSION

Perhaps you are bothered with pains in the region of the appendix at times and naturally wonder if you have "chronic appendicitis."

Now it is just possible that you have appendicitis, but most of the pain in the abdomen comes from gas, that is the fermentation or putrefaction of food that has been eaten."

Dr. Albert S. Welch, Kansas City, Mo., tells us that under ordinary circumstances the usual articles of diet, such as cooked potatoes and tender meat, are acted upon by juices in the stomach and small intestine, spend a sufficient time here for proper digestion, and after about two hours the material that has not been absorbed into the blood, passes into the large intestine.

As it is still in a liquid state a little absorption into the blood takes place, and the hard covering of the starch granules that did not get broken up in the small intestine, get broken down by the organisms in the large intestine.

Now this starchy material may get through the small intestine unbroken and therefore not digested, because the food is "hurried" along on its way.

Sometimes also because the digestive juices in the small intestine are not strong enough to break down the hard or "cellulose" coverings of the starchy food, this starchy food reaches the large intestine undigested.

Now the natural organisms in the large intestine are just waiting for something like this to happen, and they immediately seize on this starchy food, break down the coverings, and thus allow the escape of considerable gas.

Dried beans and coarse vegetables are examples. Others are lettuce, celery, cabbage, radishes, and spinach, all of which, Dr. Welch points out, lead to fermentation in the large intestine.

Now this does not mean that the above articles should not be eaten, because the foods in themselves, are nourishing, and also these coverings of rough material are of help in rubbing or scraping the sides of the large intestine, thus stimulating movement and preventing constipation.

It does mean, however, that these foods should be well chewed and mixed with the saliva, the digestive juice in the mouth, because a good deal of preparation for absorption by the small intestine can thus be done.

If these foods are not well chewed, and pass through the stomach and intestine without much change, it means that they will cause gas distension in the large intestine. So chew your food.

The Poet's Corner. TIME, YOU OLD GYPSY MAN

Time, you old gypsy man, Will you not stay, Put up your caravan Just for one day?

All things I'll give you, Will you be my guest, Bells for your jennet Of silver the best, Goldsmiths shall beat you A great golden ring, Peacocks shall bow to you, Little boys sing, Oh, and sweet girls will Peetoon you with may, Time, you old gypsy, Why hasten away?

Last week in Babylon, Last night in Rome, Morning, and in the crush Under Paul's dome; Under Paul's dial You tighten your rein— Only a moment, And off once again; Off to some city Now blind in the womb, Off to another Ere that's in the tomb.

Time, you old gypsy man, Will you not stay, Put up your caravan Just for one day? —Ralph Hodgson

Putting Old Man River To Work

Condensed from The Survey Graph by Walter B. Millin.

The largest problem of the next generation is the conversion of the lower Mississippi Valley into an empire of health, wealth and happiness. Today it is the sore spot of the nation—an area as great as Germany—curled with swamps, floods, malaria, and almost universal poverty.

At the same time the Middle West and the North West see in the lower Mississippi River a way to new wealth. So huge is the volume of traffic west of Chicago that railways cannot handle it expeditiously and cheaply. We must have inland waterways comparable to those of Europe if not far greater.

It will build deep waterways from St. Louis to the Gulf of Mexico. It will end floods in the lower Mississippi Valley except in a very few small areas up the larger tributaries.

It will turn all the electrical power of Muscle Shoals and whatever other power plants may later be erected along the Tennessee River and its upper tributaries to the perpetual service of the people of the United States. Thereby it will take Wilson Dam forever out of politics.

And—most incredible of all promises—it will accomplish all this without our having to vote another dollar from the federal treasury beyond what has already been set aside for these aims.

A fairy story? Very well! Let us see.

The gravest error in the plan of the present Flood Control Board is that it fails to provide, in one programme, for the three closely interrelated problems of the Mississippi. We are plunging ahead on flood control, which, in the long run is the least important of the three.

The second worst flaw in the present policy is the failure to link up all our national resources in a well-integrated attack on the Mississippi. We seem to have been thinking pin headedly about an enterprise whose size and difficulties reduce the Panama Canal to child's play.

We fail utterly to conceive the job as one calling for super-engineering, super machines and super power.

As you read this article, more than 15,000 laborers are sweating away with shovels and mules and plows. Little steam shovels are puffing away. Black men are waving willow wands by hand, as their ancestors did ten thousand years ago beside the Nile. They are scurrying up and down the river, hunting for locks and plugging them up as best as they can.

What if the Control Board suddenly realized that this unique job calls for unique machines and unique installations? They would seek first of all, for enormous power. Next they would set about for special machinery to work at speeds hitherto undreamed of.

Just as the world's first elevator dredges of 15-yard capacity was designed for cleaning the Panama Canal, so would the Control Board experiment with a digger that plucked up perhaps 100 cubic yards at a bite.

Cooner or into the Control Board might come around to the debate question as to the utility of the present plan of raising levees three feet higher for a thousand miles. That will cost \$215,000,000, and every dollar will be wasted through lack of creative organization. High levees, bigger floods, more spillways! And no ship channels to the sea! No drainage! No reclamation!

Then, I hope, they may abandon the classical Chinese method. Let Old Man River sleep in his long bed! Stop walling him in with slippery dirt. Turn to the more creative job of making the greatest inland waterways the world has ever known! And, if you do this in one particular way, you will achieve perfect flood control without one dollar extra cost! Now, there are two ways of making a ship canal from St. Louis to the Gulf. One is to dredge the Mississippi to a depth of 30 feet or more. The other is to make a wholly new channel somewhere alongside Old Man River.

The first plan, with the crooked Mississippi, would be like trying to remodel an ancient automobile into a 1929 sedan. We are forced to the idea of a new channel. What can be done in this matter? Almost anything if we use the right power in the right way!

Let Muscle Shoals clean up the Mississippi Valley! We have invested more than \$80,000,000 in Muscle Shoals and Wilson Dam, and we have a magnificent plant. But, as President Coolidge said recently, we are unable to secure results which benefit anybody. The difficulty is that the power developed here varies from about 87,000 horsepower at low water to something like 1,000,000 horse power at flood water; and as powers for factories must be delivered in an even flow, only the minimum amount developed can be sold.

But, if we use Muscle Shoals power for Mississippi flood control for the next quarter century, the fluctuation in seasonal amounts makes little difference. Indeed the maximum power would come just when it was most needed.

I propose that the federal government and the states of the lower Mississippi Valley combine in a project to run 220,000-volt power lines from Muscle Shoals to the entire section of the flood areas lying within 300 miles of Wilson Dam. I propose that the power be used to operate electric dredges and other machinery; and that huge dredges, perhaps four times as large as the mammoth dredge now being built in Baltimore for the Panama Canal be developed for this special work.

If all this power from Muscle Shoals were used to run dredges, in five years every square mile of the Mississippi territory could have a canal 8 feet deep and 64 feet wide, in other words, a respectable waterway for motor barges. Moreover, the earth removed in a single year would so strengthen the levees as to solve the problem of flood control.

This done, suppose our dredges were put to work making a single channel from St. Louis to the Gulf of Mexico. This would have to be about 750 miles long. Suppose they had to cut a channel 600 feet wide and 28 feet deep right through dry land. Theoretically, this canal, which would permit all but the very largest ocean steamers to dock at St. Louis, could be dug in one year! In practice, of course, it would surely spread over several years.

The work could be continued to make the lower Mississippi Valley into a super-Holland, with little barge canals instead of streets, and land worth five times what it is now per acre.

Muscle Shoals in Nature's answer to her own riddle of the Mississippi. An unparalleled opportunity arises to solve at one blow two of our most perplexing problems—Old Man River and the White Elephant at Wilson Dam. Luck seems always to be with us Americans. Here, once again, we have a chance to convert a public nuisance into one of the most profitable investments ever made.

The Public Forum

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. This Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

TO BE OR NOT TO BE

Sir:—In this morning's Guardian, I notice that I have been commended for warning the province against the dangers of a self-seeking political administration.

This is a curiously limited and one-sided interpretation of my plea for a wider vision, educationally socially and politically.

My remarks concerning the dangers of petty politics to this province were certainly not intended to refer to one political party more than to another.

If there has been any attempt to make them appear to do so, then such attempt furnishes a most excellent example of the lack of vision which comes from a long association with petty politics.

I am, Sir, etc. R. H. NORTON 202 Prince Street.

What Mr. Norton said was: "unless something is done within the next ten years to cleanse this island of petty politics and to provide it with a complete and generous system of education and with leadership with a vision, in 100 years it will have less influence in Canada than the Magdalen Islands have today."

Commenting on this Notes by the Way said: "Mr. Norton's warning about the lack of vision in our political outlook, and administration is most timely. Oh! that more of our rising young men and women would realize the danger in which their beloved province is of being wiped out, because our political rulers are self-seekers and not patriots."—Ed. G.

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MARKET SQUARE OWNERSHIP

Sir,—Although I quite agree with your correspondent "Historicus" that the city does not own the market square I am equally convinced that it is not, as "Historicus" claims, the property of the Imperial Government.

As is well known, after the fall of Louisburg and the capitulation of Quebec the whole Island became vested in the King by virtue of a provision of the Treaty of Paris negotiated in 1763. Nor is it correct to state that Charlottetown was laid off by the Imperial Government. For some years after the Island became vested in the King it remained under the jurisdiction of the Governor of Nova Scotia who sent Mr. Morris, his surveyor general to lay out the ground on which Charlottetown was to be built.

This the surveyor did, making a plan of the town. It is true that this plan was somewhat altered by Governor Patterson when the Island became a separate colony.

All the lands of the Island not otherwise disposed of, such for example, as the Market Square and Government House and grounds remained vested in the King, but after the granting of responsible government the King hold them in right of the Province of Prince Edward Island. Since then no Imperial Government not even the Imperial Parliament can constitutionally interfere with them or grant them away.

The Provincial not the city authorities can use, sell or dispose of them for any necessary legitimate purpose, notwithstanding any portion thereof may in the meantime have been permitted to be used as a Market Square.

I am, Sir, etc. W. S. STEWART

THE LAND WE LOVE BY FRANK VEIGH

CANADA'S SHARE IN WORLD MISSIONS

Q. What is Canada's share in World Missions?

A. Canada's share in world missions by all the Protestant denominations and missions, is estimated at between five and six million dollars, of which over three millions are devoted to home missions and two and a half millions on foreign missions. The home mission work touches scores of nationalities in the Dominion, while the foreign section includes fields in all of the world continents and most of the chief foreign countries. The total missionary force, independent of native helpers numbers many thousands.

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