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Election Acrobatics

Among the "wonderful achievements" of the King Government in its amazing somersault on the tariff issue, according to the local Liberal organ, is the placing of the steel and iron industries of Canada "on a solid foundation." Now the steel and iron industries, according to the same authority in its issue of May 1st—the date on which the Dunning budget was delivered—were already too highly protected. On that occasion it loudly proclaimed that this was "not the time" to give these industries a further "hand-out"; that "it would not be thus that the budget would be revised." The British Empire Steel Corporation, it declared, showed enormous operating profits. The same with the Steel Company of Canada, Ltd. Algoma Steel was "almost equally fortunate." "If you were trying to save the financial souls of some suffering industry would you rush to the rescue of those who are so elaborately prosperous?" asked the Patriot. "Return again," it said, "to the manufacturing profits of Steel of Canada—\$3,166,280 in 1927—up to 56 per cent in 1929. Still this organization joins with Besco and Algoma in the Oliver Trust request for more. Well, one would hardly expect the budget to hand luscious plums to these gentlemen—one might almost imagine the hand of steel too full to grasp such bounty."

The idea of increasing the tariffs on United States steel and lowering them on British steel was repugnant to the soul of the Liberal organ—that is, before the details of the Dunning budget was received. "If the duties were increased on imports from the United States it would enable our friends the steel manufacturers to record their total profits in millions by the simple process of increasing prices," it explained. "The competition of the relatively small imports from Great Britain would scarcely be noticed."

And now, Mr. Dunning having offered to do exactly what the Patriot advised him very strongly not to do, our valiant contemporary swallows its previous statement, hook, line and sinker, and applauds the Finance Minister for having placed the steel and iron industries "on a solid foundation." The political necessity which requires such a humiliating change of tune in the short space of a few weeks must be grave indeed. Truly, if the election predictions of the Liberal organ are on a par with its budget predictions, the Conservative sweep will be even greater than the confident expectations of the most optimistic of Mr. Bennett's supporters. And that is saying a great deal.

The Peril by Sea

A tale of the sea is retold by the Vancouver Province, obviously for its touching moral. It is about the little coastwise Scotch steamer St. Sunniva, which used to run out of Aberdeen, on service among the stormy Shetland Isles. She was lately wrecked on that service, fortunately without loss of life. What was lost was 100 bags of His Majesty's mail.

Now comes the circumstance which makes the story memorable. Four bags of the lost St. Sunniva's mail were lately washed up near Lerwick. Three of them were ruined, their contents almost dissolved by the salt sea-soggy, undecipherable, irretrievably gone. The fourth was in a state of excellent, and almost miraculous preservation. It contained—what do you think? It contained notices to Scots citizens from the Commissioner of Inland Revenue. It contained demands upon three Scots

citizens for due payment of their respective income taxes. And all those notices and demands have been posted, and have gone on to their addresses.

Here, surely, is a story that adds corroborative evidence to the philosophic reflection that there is nothing so certain in this mortal life of ours as death and taxes. As the Province scribe sadly says:

"So many communications, memorable and precious, might have been—must have been—among the lost mail bags of the St. Sunniva. They are all immemorial now, gone down in the grey sea north of sixty. Neptune has got the love letters of the St. Sunniva; the latest budget from Aberdeen, meant for mothers in the Orkneys and Shetlands, has gone to feed the mackerel and the herring of the Great Fisher Bank. But the writs of the exchequer, summoning the reluctant Scot to the discharge of his duty towards the inland revenue, they have not yet been washed and scathed, through all the perils of the salt, estranging sea."

Premier King's Liberalism

The supine attitude of the Liberal Government at Ottawa with respect to the transactions of the Beauharnois Power Corporation, involving the exploitation on a colossal scale of the natural resources of the country, was evidenced in the silence which greeted Mr. Gardiner's exposure of these transactions in Parliament and the Conservative leader's challenge for a judicial enquiry. Premier King, "watched from the gallery by his personal and political friend, Senator Wilfrid Laurier Macdougald, one of the chief figures in Beauharnois, preserved a stubborn silence."

As Prime Minister of Canada, Mr. King is the trustee of the estate of the Canadian people. It is his duty to see to it that the estate is honestly administered; that it is conserved; that it is neither robbed nor exploited. Yet when a story such as this Beauharnois episode is brought to his attention, when facts that call for public indignation and certainly for public inquiry are brought before Parliament, what is the attitude of this great Liberal, this professed champion of the masses? The answer is Mr. King's silence. The great tribune of the people, the "Little Rebel" had lost his voice. That is the measure of his "Liberalism."

And where was the Liberalism of Premier King on other occasions since he assumed office? Where was it when he fled from his pledge to abolish the Senate? When he became an apologist to the Liberal platform of 1919? When he discontinued grants to agricultural and technical education? When he introduced an Old Age Pensions scheme with the full knowledge that it would discriminate unfairly against the Maritime Provinces? When he ignored the recommendation of the Duncan Commission for an immediate adjustment of the subsidy claims of these Provinces? Where was his Liberalism when he shut out Prince Edward Island from cabinet representation? Well might the Ottawa Journal, reviewing the Prime Minister's sins of omission and commission culminating with his volte face on the tariff issue and his silence on the Beauharnois transaction, ask: What sort of Liberalism is it that breeds such public conduct?

Editorial Notes

Winning the America's Cup would do more to "cheer" Sir Thomas Lipton, suggests an exchange, than gallons of his non-inebriating tea.

An appeal by the Minister of Highways of Nova Scotia to the clergymen of the province to devote a Sunday to appeals to make the roads safer does not strike a correspondent in a Truro exchange as reasonable. The Honorable Minister, he says, should know that the folk who make the roads unsafe are not likely to be in church next Sunday.

Notes By The Way

There is something humorously naive in a recent official bulletin of the Soviet, which states that the recent week of prayer held all over the Christian world for the regeneration of Russia was a total failure.

Anglo-Egyptian negotiations, which had been going on in London for some weeks, collapsed because of disagreement on one point, the question of British control in the Sudan. This it has been pointed out, is bound to have its repercussions in Egypt. The situation in Egypt today is similar in many respects to that in India. In each country a school of young agitators has arisen, many of whom are lawyers with a knowledge of English and a superficial understanding of modern democracy who are intoxicated by slogans imported into a politically inexperienced country. These agitators, says an observer, have sought to impose upon the masses certain abstract, democratic and nationalistic formulas, without realizing that self-government demands both capacity and training for dealing with practical problems of government.

A "Buy in Moncton" week is now on in that city and is receiving well merited recognition by the citizens. The city hall is filled with products of local factories, and the display is very creditable. The idea is a good one, and might well be taken up by other cities. A buy at home campaign properly and sensibly conducted, could not fail to be of advantage in any city. Such a campaign could very well be worked in Charlottetown to the advantage of both city and province. It is true that people will buy in the cheapest and sell in the dearest market, but an important question arises in this connection which is the cheapest and which the dearest market? Circulating the money at home is a much larger factor than the mere gain in buying for a few dollars less, or selling for a few dollars more. When the question of buying or manufacturing steel rails came up in the United States, the late President Lincoln said: "If you buy your rails in England, you will have the rails and England will have the money. If you make the rails at home, you will have both the rails and the money."

"Not so long ago," says an exchange, eminent lawyers were enforcing what they considered their legal rights by driving past crossing signals and ignoring traffic policemen's warnings. Nowadays nobody tries to claim the legal right to commit suicide by crossing at the wrong time. The effort further to safeguard pedestrians is worth making even if it is not completely successful at the outset.

The law compelling drivers to alight and lead their horse by the bridle while passing along the streets of Charlottetown is still on the statute books of the province. This law was passed in the primitive days of the city. If reckless driving past street intersections continues, it may yet be necessary to enact a law compelling drivers of automobiles to walk by their cars with their hand on the wheel. While such a law might savour of retrogression it would be an assurance to pedestrians that their lives were comparatively safe while using the city streets.

An Ontario paper suggests that "the Tory caucus should warn Hon. Mr. Bennett, that anything he says now is liable to be used against him in the election." No such warning need be given in Premier King's case. He has said about everything that his worst enemies could wish upon him.

One of the most sensible rules for safe motor driving is that published in an advertisement and says: "If another driver wants to pass you, let him." In other words, "Don't be a fool because the other fellow is."

The Empire Marketing Board is doing good work for Canada. "These shopkeepers stock Canadian produce, good housewives buy it," is the maxim underlying the Board's latest Canadian poster frame set now appearing on the Board's special frames in London and nearly five hundred cities and towns in the "Old Country."

Here is a suggestion for the Women's Institutes of Prince Edward Island, which are always in the forefront when community improvement is concerned. Across the line in the State of Maine, the women have organized a Roadside Improvement Association and at a meeting held in Augusta last week the initial steps were taken towards improving the appearance of the roadways throughout the State. In the establishment of the committee the members received co-operation from the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs and the State Business and Professional Women's Club.

The first Pullman sleeper made its first run on September 1, 1859, from Bloomington, Ill., to Chicago, over



By James W. Barton, M.D.

That Body of Hours

GETTING MOST OUT OF YOUR VACATION

You may, at this time, be thinking seriously about your summer vacation, about how to get the most out of it.

Naturally I think about it from a health standpoint, but that doesn't necessarily mean living by rule-up at a certain hour, exercise of a certain kind for a certain length of time at a certain period daily, sleep for a certain period, and foods of a certain kind.

That kind of life is only for some individual who is not well. One who has some stomach or other ailment that necessitates a certain regularity as to sleep, food, and exercise.

But for the average individual vacation should be a mind vacation one in which the brain, the emotions, joy, gladness, freedom from care are the controlling factors.

The first thought then is to try and get your summer vacation at a time when you can best leave business behind. If it is the very busy season and you are going to take business with you, then it will not be a real vacation.

Relaxation, freedom from worry, is the biggest factor in getting the most out of a vacation. So get away from the telephone and telegraph and try to think of yourself as a youngster again.

Get up early and get the tang and freshness of the early morning; sleep during the day for an hour or two if you feel like it. Eat a soda cracker and drink a glass of cold water, and go for a walk before breakfast. You'll come back ready and eager for breakfast.

Sit around after breakfast for half an hour, then get at your fishing, golfing, walking, boating or what ever you like best for a couple of hours, and then rest for a time before lunch or dinner. A rest after the noon meal, dozing in a chair, not lying down, and then some outdoors before the evening meal.

Your vacation may not mean a vacation without tobacco, but the temptation to over-indulgence is strong when outdoors and should be avoided.

The prescription is simple—outdoors, plenty of food, plenty of exercise, plenty of sleep. Live as a youngster, or other young animal and do just what you want to do for your vacation time.

THE LAND WE LOVE

By FRANK LEIGH

CANADA'S FIRST CHRISTMAS

Q. When was Canada's first Christmas observed?

A. Canada's first Christmas was observed probably by Jacques Cartier on December of 1535 when he and his stricken crew were in the little fort at Stadacona. At midnight it is recorded their chaplain celebrated Mass and Noel and on every Christmas eve since Christmas has been introduced and celebrated. The first Christmas celebrated in the Church of England was in 1749 with the celebration of the Holy Communion in Halifax.

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Are we sacrificing too much to the speed fad? Every newspaper we pick up bristles with reports of fatalities, and the cause is invariably either directly or indirectly due to reckless and unjustifiable speeding. The automobile and the airplane, both of them triumphs of mechanical ingenuity are responsible for the loss of more lives than any other cause. The railway, too, takes its toll of human life, and the speed fad even in this case is not wholly blameless. Breaking speed records is a craze of our day, and the question arises whether the equipment of a few years ago is sufficient to stand the strain placed upon it by the modern demand for greater speed. A broken rail may derail a number of cars carrying hundreds of human lives. Why a broken rail? Has the strength of the rail been considered in its relation to the new demand for more speed?

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"The Island"

(Toronto Saturday Night) Several lovers of Prince Edward Island have written to say how they liked the paragraph on the "Island" published in these columns some weeks ago. The Island seems to exert a pleasant spell over all who spend a summer there. Miss Ethel Keefer has written a few lines on the Island magic that we are glad to publish:

White mists, Red roads, Green fields between—Souris! Blue Seas, Red Cliffs, We heard around—Souris! Smiling fields, daisy-decked Blue skies cloud-flecked. Grey rain, sun again—Souris! Souris must be a charming spot—and its off to the Island I hope to be when the golden glow is at its brightest and the August days are here.

The Poet's Corner

SUNNETT

Time being an instant in eternity, Beauty above man's million years must see

The heaped corrupted mass that had to die, The husk of man that set the glitter free;

Now from those million bodies in the dark, Forgotten, rotten, part of fields or roads, The million gleam united makes a spark

Which Beauty sees among her star abodes, And, from the bodies, comes a sign, Alas,

We hated, fought and killed, as separate men; Now all is merged, and we are in the grass, Our efforts merged, would we had known it then.

All our lives' battle, all our spirits' dream, Nought in themselves, a clash which made a gleam." —John Macfie.

EMPIRE HOCKEY IN SOUTH AFRICA

CAPE TOWN, South Africa, June 1.—(By Canadian Press)—The South African Women's Hockey Association has succeeded in raising funds and carrying through arrangements for an Empire women's hockey tournament to take place here this summer. It will mark one of the greatest events in the history of this game. The English team has been chosen, and in addition South Africans will face opposition from Scotland, Australia and New Zealand. The Australian team this year will come from England, where it went earlier this month.

A British girl's hockey team visited South Africa in 1926 and the visit was returned by South Africans in 1927. But nothing like the forthcoming empire tournament has ever been held. The team from England will be especially strong. Five of 13 women making the trip are International players.

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