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TWO GREAT DAYS

While every day this week will bring its own programme of enjoyable events the eyes of the great majority are turned towards this afternoon and tomorrow as perhaps the biggest days of Carnival Week. This afternoon's horse races will be a great attraction and judging by the series of racing events the usual interest will be evinced and no doubt the usual crowd will be in attendance. Horse racing has ever been the King of Sports in this province and the horses scheduled to compete on this occasion are sufficiently well known to attract lovers of the race track from all over the province.

Tomorrow the great event will be the Caledonian Athletic meet which always draws the multitude and is always an enjoyable outing. We understand there are a great many entries and that the whole province will be well represented. The usual plaided and bonneted parade, headed by the Caledonian Pipe and Drum band, will be held; Scottish music, Scottish dances and Scottish games will be in evidence and all these supplemented by a series of horse races should make the day a very enjoyable one.

One feature in connection with the annual Scottish gathering should not be lost sight of, that is that the proceeds are always used exclusively for charitable purposes. The poor of the City, regardless of creed or nationality will be the beneficiaries, and this fact alone should ensure a large gathering. We commend this enjoyable annual event to our citizens and to the "strangers within our gates." The meet will be an enjoyable one and the poor of the City will need the proceeds next winter; some of them need them now.

Tonight at the Queen Square Gardens the big Scottish gathering of tomorrow will be appropriately heralded by a concert by the Caledonian Club Pipe and Drum Band.

WHY HARD TIMES

Is it true that times are hard in this province? What do we mean by hard times? In city and country alike we complain of the scarcity of money, of the inadequacy of our income to meet our expenditures. Yet it is, we believe, safe to say that in no other province in Canada can be found as many evidences of thrift and prosperity, of general comfort and enjoyment as are to be seen on a day's journey through Prince Edward Island. This is the opinion expressed of us by strangers visiting our province. They are impressed with the almost unbroken continuity of cultivated farms from end to end and from side to side of the island, with the comfortable farm homes and farm buildings; with the general air of prosperity observable at our public gatherings when almost everyone has an automobile, where the men and women are dressed to the minute and where, in short, the old saying appears to be disproved that "the poor have always with you." At any public gathering of a thousand or more anywhere in the province there are practically no signs of want, not even of shortage. It is true of course, that only those who can afford it can attend such gatherings, but the fact that so many attend suggests the idea that there are not many absent.

What then are we complaining about? Is it not because we want a little more than we can really afford? Is it not because, to quote, we have "a champagne thirst with a ginger ale purse?" Is it not because within a comparatively few years we have acquired extravagant habits unknown even to our former selves? The truth appears to be that during the abnormally hard years of the war when every-

thing was saleable at abnormally high prices, when exorbitant wages were being paid, when we all had money to burn, we acquired a pace and are still maintaining it, which is not in keeping with the comparatively leaner years which have followed. This province, normally, is prosperous. It is quite true that prices for farm products are proportionately very much lower than the cost of production, true that the high cost of production is due very largely to the expensive habits of wage earners acquired during the fat years. It is also true that because of these same expensive habits elsewhere as well as here, the cost of the articles we have to buy is much higher than it ought to be.

We are, willingly or unwillingly, living in a fast age, an age which demands expensive and even luxurious living. Not so long ago the purchase of a carriage, a piano or a new suit of furniture or even of a new suit of clothes was an event which necessitated some calculation in the ordinary home. Today, if we need or think we need an automobile, a piano, a suite of furniture or a suit of clothes, we buy them and they must be of the latest and most approved fashion. We are not as expert in the art of doing without as we were before we became rich in a few minutes and the habits we learned during those happy days have clung to us.

We may find it difficult to go back. We have not got any more than we are entitled to, not got any more than we can thoroughly enjoy, but when we want to get more than we can afford and find it necessary to borrow the money or go in debt to get it, we have no legitimate right to complain of hard times.

REDISTRIBUTION BILL

The Redistribution Bill necessitated by the census of 1921 appears to have been finally agreed upon. The bill provides for 245 members in the next House of Commons. This is ten more than under the former redistribution. In Ontario Quebec and the Maritime Provinces the only change is a reduction of two members in Nova Scotia. In the West Saskatchewan gains five, Manitoba gains two, Alberta gains four, British Columbia gains one. The Yukon remains as it was.

Some changes have been made in the boundaries of constituencies as follows: Nova Scotia—Hants and Kings, united, Queen Shelbourne divided between Lunenburg and Yarmouth, Cape Breton South and Richmond divided, one being Cape Breton South, the other including West Cape Breton and Richmond; New Brunswick substantially as at present.

Prince Edward Island, no change. Quebec—Missisquoi and Brome united; Berthier and Maskinonge united; Chicoutimi given a member; Saguenay died to Charlevoix, New constituency of Lake St. John created another member Island of Montreal.

Ontario—Seven new seats; seven wiped out. Toronto gains three; North Ontario 2; Essex 1; Glengary 1. Constituencies merged with others: Dundas Elgin East, Lennox; Addington North Ontario, Peterboro Simcoe South, York East.

Manitoba—Winnipeg gets another seat; St. Boniface made new constituency. Saskatchewan—Six new seats; Long Lake Melville, Melfort, Rosetown, Willow Bunch Yorkton, Saltcoats disappears. Alberta—Six new seats; Acadia Athabasca Camrose, Peace River Vegreville, Wetaskiwin, Victoria and Strathcona disappears.

British Columbia—New seat for Vancouver.

Notes By The Way

It is now expected that the prorogation of Parliament will take place at the close of the present week. Already several members from the Maritime Provinces have paired off and gone home. To close the session within the next few days means that many millions of dollars of yet unvoted supplies must be passed in a thinning house and in such haste as will forbid discussion or even careful consideration. The process was begun some days since when some seventeen millions of dollars was voted in a late-sitting on last Friday night. Voting away vast sums of public money seems to be the one thing that the Liberal Progressive majority can do most expeditiously.

Both the National Revenue from all sources and the National Railway receipts have fallen off seriously within the past two months, but that has not checked the liberality of the Liberals or the progress of the Progressives in voting supplies for the Government to spend. The state of the revenue strongly indicates another deficit and a further addition to the national debt during the current year. Such a thing as attempting to reduce or pay off a portion of the public debt as other nations and dominions are doing is quite foreign to the Liberal and Progressive speakers who hold the purse strings at Ottawa. And it is now almost six years since the war ended.

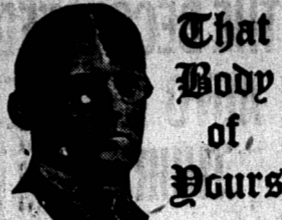
They would build more railways, in a Dominion already over-railroaded. Nothing has so aroused the ire of these Liberal Progressive patriots as the refusal of the Senate to endorse some half a dozen of the more reckless of their railway projects and in their anger they would if they could abolish the Red Chamber. That would, however, be a difficult task. But if the majority in the Commons really believe that the Senate is in the wrong and is thwarting the wishes of the people, why do they not insist on an immediate appeal to the people?

The Government has the power to make this appeal at any time. The temptation to administer a crushing rebuke to the Senate is no doubt strong in the breast of Premier King and his ministerial colleagues. Let them appeal to the people and if they can get a verdict against the Senate. It would be a crowning victory for the Liberal Government and for the Liberal Progressive party, also a stunning defeat to the Opposition. To most minds it would appear that if the King Government were very confident that the verdict of the people would be in their favor they would take this course. But neither Mr. King nor his colleagues appear to be disposed to do so.

The Opposition would welcome the decision should the Government so decide. So also would the Senate. We doubt not that the Canadian electorate would welcome it. It would be the popular thing to do. It would also be the courageous thing and courage is an admirable quality in public men. It would furthermore, be a politic move, evincing sound political strategy and forecast, if the Government could gain a verdict. It would mean a new lease of power, a strong rebuke to the Senate and a defeat to the Opposition all in one.

With all the advantages and inducements to a trial of strength at the polls the Government hesitates to adopt it. Its party organs hesitate to advise it. Yet there are still other reasons why the Government should dissolve Parliament. It accords with precedent that a general election should closely follow redistribution. It is fairly due to the Western Provinces that they should at once be given the twelve additional members to which their growth in population entitles them. There are also several bye-elections now due in Ontario and Quebec. Reconstruction of the Cabinet to supply the places once held by Messrs Gouin and Fielding is now a matter of urgency. This would involve more bye-elections, and afford another strong reason why a general appeal to the people should be made without further delay.

After their experiences in Halifax and Kent Mr. King and his colleagues evidently have a wholesome fear of bye-elections. That is why reconstruction has been so long delayed and the government remains in its present crippled condition. But greater is the fear of a general election. It is apparent that the Government distrusts the people and has little or no hope that it can win a favorable verdict at their hands.



By James W. Barton, M.D.

That Body of Ours

A physician and lawyer were watching a picture one day depicting the rites of the medicine men in South Africa. The lawyer said, "Well your profession has travelled a long way forward from such treatment as that given by these savages."

"Yes," answered the physician "I'm pleased to say that it has, but sometimes I'm afraid that we've travelled too far."

"What do you mean?" "Well in our efforts to get away from superstition, and from the practices similar to what we've seen just now, we are placing the practice of medicine on the basis of some definite cause gives some definite effect."

Now this is all right of course where the trouble is something on which we can place our hands. When a tooth aches we have an X-Ray taken and the tooth is removed. If the trouble is pain in the joints, the tonsils, or perhaps some teeth are removed. An ulcer or cancer of the stomach give definite symptoms and the X-Ray helps to clear up the diagnosis. A definite cause and a definite effect.

However this "solid" basis is quite all right for many ailments, but how terribly it falls down in obscure conditions, in conditions where the mind enters largely into the matter. You have heard of the young physician attending the theatre with his fiancée. The young lady had a sudden attack of hiccough. The physician took out a small white object, and told her to place the tablet under her tongue. The tablet subsided in two or three minutes.

Removing the tablet a few minutes later she was surprised to find that it was a small shirt button. Drugs that were practically useless have made marvellous cures at times, because the patient thought he was getting a stronger or even a different drug entirely.

And so my idea is that the physician must put his personality into every case of this kind. The good old family doctor. How often his very presence at the critical moment has given the despairing patient a fresh hold on life.

Why, take the simple matter of food. If it be well cooked and daintily served stimulates the mouth and stomach juices. There is really no need to give an appetizing drug when you can appeal to the patient's appetite through his imagination. Thus when a patient is excited and worried what happens? His heart beats faster, he breathes more quickly, and any waste matter in intestine must be thrown out at once. If then his physician talks to him, calmly pointing out that there is no need for fear nor worry, then the heart and lungs calm down also. Now if in the old days or in savage tribes the patient believed that all these superstitious rites were really helping him, he can readily see that he would become calmer and have a better chance of getting better."

Like tides on the crescent sea-beach. When the moon is new and thin, into our hearts high yearnings. Come walling and surging in.— Come from the mystic ocean. Whose rim no foot has trod.— Some of us call it Longing. And others call it God.

A picket frozen on duty.— A mother starved for her brood.— Socrates drinking the hemlock. And Jesus on the rood. And millions who humble and nameless. The straight hard pathway. Some call it Consecration. And others call it God. —William Herbert Carruth.

CHURCH UNION BILL DISCUSSED

(Canadian Press)

OTTAWA, July 15.—With a protest from Hon. Dr. Reid that the measure had been "railroaded" through the Senate last night gave the third reading to the bill to unite the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational churches. There were three divisions but there were all in committee stage and were therefore not recorded. There was little discussion. When Senate assembled, Senator Robertson announced that a compromise amendment regarding the ballot on the Church Union vote had been agreed upon, and that Senators Ross and Fardeau would withdraw their amendments. This was done and he moved as a substitute, the amendment that "The vote herein provided for shall be taken by ballot in such form and manner, and at such time within the limit prescribed, by the next preceding subsection as the congregation may decide, provided that not less than two weeks be allowed for taking said vote by ballot aforesaid. Said meeting for taking said ballot may be adjourned for the purpose of taking the ballot but not for longer period than thirty days."

To this amendment Hon. J. D. Reid moved as a substitute the following "the vote herein provided for shall be taken by ballot in such form and manner and at such a time within the limit prescribed by this act, as shall be determined by a majority of those present and entitled to vote at the meeting referred to in sub division one here-in provide. However that ballot arranged for same shall be of such a character and shall be so marked as not to disclose identity of voter." The Reid amendment was defeated by 34 to 13 and the Robertson amendment adopted without division.

Hon. J. D. Reid then moved that it be added to those who have

Your Birthday

JULY 16.— You possess a strength of purpose that borders close upon stubbornness at times, although it never appears so to you. To you right is right and wrong is wrong, and you never swerve from the straight and narrow path. It is your aim to do everything correctly, and you try to have your friends do the same. Don't get conceited, and beware of jealousy in love. Your birth-stone is the ruby, which means contentment. Your flower is the water lily. Your lucky color is green.

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right to vote on Union should be "Adherents who are financial supporters and are on the financial record of the Church as supporters," Senator Robertson objected to this as being contrary to rules and practices of the Presbyterian Church. His amendment was defeated 39 to 8. Senator Roches, Halifax, moved that the title of the Church be changed from "The United Church of Canada" to "The United Churches of Canada" Senator Roche was the only supporter of this. The Bill then passed through committee stage and on its third reading Senator Reid again protested against the bill being what he called "railroaded" through the Senate. He said Presbyterians would resent this method. Senator Gillis also entered a protest against the bill as a coercive measure. Senator Dandurand said that every opportunity had been given members to move amendments and discussed bill.

W. G. Y.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16 790 Kilocycles (890 Meters) WGY (Schenectady, N. Y.) General Electric Company Eastern Standard Time

1:30 a. m.—Stock market report. 11:40 a. m.—Produce market report. 11:45 a. m.—Weather report. 11:55 a. m.—Time signals. 5:00 p. m.—Produce and stock market quotations; news bulletins; baseball results. 5:30 p. m.—"Adventure Story" (courtesy of Youth's Companion). SILENT NIGHT.

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ONE DRAWBACK

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Payment of Pledges

On Tuesday, JULY 15th, the SECOND payment on the pledges given to the P. E. Island Hospital Campaign will be due, and in order to facilitate matters for both the city and country subscribers, arrangements have been made whereby all amounts can be paid into or sent by mail to the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Charlottetown. Of if anybody should prefer, either in the city or the country, they can send their subscriptions direct to Miss Ada Harnley at the P. E. I. Hospital.

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