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Grasping Straws

Like a drowning man, the Government organ is grasping at straws. The leader of the Opposition effectively demolished the Government's claim to a surplus on ordinary revenue and expenditure, stating that the net result of the Government's operations for the past year was a deficit of \$32,882 on ordinary account and an increase in the debt of the Province of \$234,000.

The Premier's Faux Pas

Premier Lea as our local contemporary has frequently remarked, is a first class farmer. Left to farming, he would be an excellent guide. But it is a different thing going into the administration of a Province with all its problems and difficulties, legal, financial and otherwise.

the Draft Address debate on April 13, Mr. A. W. Neill, Independent member for Comox-Alberni, commented the cancellation of the New Zealand agreement with respect to butter. "The dairy industry," he said, "will reap the benefit of that action in the future, when the supply of butter, which was rushed into Canada before the cancellation became effective, is exhausted."

"Credit must be given also to the present government," Mr. Neill said, "for making a temporary arrangement with Australia under which butter from that country does not come into Canada except at a price of 31 or 32 cents per pound."

The decline in farm prices, as the Speech from the Throne in the Provincial Legislature makes plain, is a result of world wide economic conditions. It is the task of the Bennett Government to offset this condition in Canada—a condition accentuated by the late King Government—with tariff adjustments calculated to stimulate agriculture and industry by protecting the home market.

Franchise Problems in B. C.

British Columbia's objections to Doukhobors have been emphasized by the Government's refusal to admit Miss Tolstoy, daughter of the Russian novelist, who proposed to edit a Doukhobor newspaper. The Provincial Government has made it plain that it is not willing to admit any more of these people.

On the other hand the Legislature conferred the franchise on about eighty Japanese war veterans. Over 200 Japanese left British Columbia to take part in the war, only half returned, and it was felt that the Province owed them this recognition in view of their services.

"We have a new generation of Orientals in British Columbia now, young men and women born in our province, educated in our public and high schools and in our universities. These young people are Asiatic only in descent. They cannot go back to Asia to live. They have lost touch with the land of their parents. Their outlook is Canadian. They would like to be Canadian citizens. But we deny them the privilege. Sentiment brought the Legislature to do something for the Japanese veterans. Justice should influence it to do something for the Canadian-born Asiatics."

Editorial Notes

According to statistics issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Nova Scotia leads in the consumption of ice cream, with 1.30 gallons per capita, against 1.28 in Ontario, 1.14 for British Columbia and less than one gallon per head for New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Quebec.

An Independent Opinion

It is not only the Conservative members who are endorsing the Bennett Government's tariff policies in the House of Commons. Speaking in

Notes by the Way

Up to a few years before the World War, France and Switzerland were the Old World countries that had given a definite and continued lead along the road of republicanism. The throne of Portugal tottered and fell in 1910. There followed the collapse of the oldest dynasty in the world, in China, less than two years later. Then came the war—and in its wake the wreckage of the monarchies of Russia, Germany, Austria-Hungary, Greece and Turkey.

In the veins of the man who up to a short time ago was Alfonso XIII of Spain runs the most reactionary royal blood in Europe—Hapsburg and Bourbon—and his fall marks the end of those historic lines. In contrast with the wreckage of reactionary monarchies, the secure position of the British Throne is a tribute alike to the popularity of the British Royal Family and the wholesome good judgment and unswerving loyalty of the British peoples.

Among the many changes that have taken place in this modern world there seems to be a distinct betterment in the matter of carrying out a revolution.

Time was and not long since when a revolution meant civil war and bloodshed. The other day in Spain an age long monarchy gave place to a republican form of government with about as little national disturbance as was required to transform the King government in Canada to a government of the people for the people and by the people. It is true that in some of the revolutions that have recently taken place in S. A. the turn over was not so easily achieved but even these were an improvement on those of former years, so the times change and with them the people.

Examination of the estimates reveals that apart from the Interior Department, deprived of the main bulk of its work, there has been practically no interference with the staffs of the Civil Service. Even in the Interior Department, where a number of employes have been retired, pensions have been given to a large proportion, and this, with a likely effort to absorb as many as possible of the remainder in the work of census, makes the situation far less serious than it at first appeared.

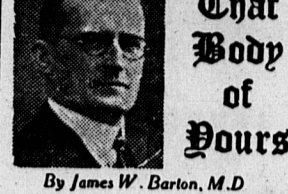
Despite protests from the Soviet that the Russians are working for peace, it is estimated says the Border Cities Star that the nation could mobilize an army of 17,000,000 men within three months of the outbreak of war. Of these some 10,000,000 would be members of line regiments and provide a rifle strength of that size.

Within three weeks of the start, the Soviet is believed capable of throwing 3,000,000 fighting men into action. In addition, the national leaders have been concentrating on supplies, and they keep permanently in reserve enough coal to last three months. They are also building up the air wing of the fighting corps.

British politicians, like our own hate elections. For days the cables have been telling us that the MacDonald Government was in peril, that the disciples of young Mr. Moseley and the Laborite Left Wingers and the Sir John Simon Liberals were going to unite with the Tories to knock Mr. MacDonald into the proverbial cocked hat. A crisis was just around the corner.

The crisis didn't come. It didn't come for the simple reason that Mr. MacDonald spoke up and said that if his Government were defeated in the House he would promptly go over to Buckingham Palace, call the King for a dissolution, call a general election. With this announcement headlined in the press, swords went back into scabbards. There remained of course, Mr. Lloyd George. But as Mr. Lloyd George wants an election about as much as he wants the gout, there wasn't one chance in a million that he would help vote the Government out of office. What he did, instead, was to go through the theatrical play of leaving the House to confer with his followers, marching them right back again to vote solidly for the Ministry. The "crisis" went up in smoke.

That Body of Yours



By James W. Barton, M.D.

STOMACH ULCER AND CHRONIC APPENDICITIS

One of the discouraging things for patient and physician is to have a stomach ulcer heal up nicely under careful diet and rest, and then in a short time all the symptoms return. And yet when you think the matter over, you can at once realize that although the ulcer healed under this care, the underlying cause of the ulcer has not been found or removed.

I know I speak very often about bad teeth and tonsils and how these, by poisoning the blood, are responsible for many conditions including stomach ulcer; but often an ulcer heals up and remains healed after infected teeth or tonsils have been removed.

However that other conditions can cause these stomach ulcers is now admitted. Dr. G. Petrescu, Leipzig, is firmly of the opinion that trouble at the junction of the large with the small intestine causing a slowing up or obstruction at this point is responsible for many cases of stomach ulcer. In cases where there has been chronic discomfort in the stomach, nausea and vomiting with more or less pain, and where the usual treatment has failed to bring relief, operation has shown not only a stomach ulcer, but a chronically inflamed appendix which hindered the passage of material from the small into the large intestine.

He suggests therefore that in operating for the stomach ulcer that the condition of the appendix and the region just about it be examined and any adhesions or other obstruction removed.

I believe there is a point here for all of us. When there is a feeling of nausea—a "sickly" feeling—with more or less pain in the stomach, and a feeling of discomfort in the lower right side of the abdomen, it would be well to think about this "slowness" of movement down there, and hurry things along. Now you are not anxious for an operation but if you would bend the body sideways, forwards and backwards, with knees straight, you would help to move the material along in the intestine, and thus get rid of that "sickly" feeling. If you are too old or can't take exercise for any reason, daily doses of the ordinary paraffin oil obtained from your druggist, should be of help.

A \$37,000,000 Cut

(Ottawa Journal) Lots of Governments in the past cut, or tried to cut, estimates. The trouble with their efforts was that the estimates didn't stay cut. By the time they got into print and to Parliament the good intention of the Prime Minister and of the Treasury Board were overcome by a multiplicity of expedients and considerations, the net result being that the amounts finally asked for were as large as before, if not larger.

Mr. Bennett's estimates remained cut. No Prime Minister or Government since Confederation has ever succeeded in even approaching such a vast reduction in the country's ordinary running expenses. During the past 15 or 20 years Government activities have multiplied almost five-fold. Yet despite this, despite that the government today is reaching out into almost every known human activity, Mr. Bennett is proposing to run the country next year on less cash money than Sir Robert Borden required to run it in 1914. It is an extraordinary proposition.

Mr. Bennett's courage won't be popular. We are all for economy in the abstract—for the other fellow—but when economy becomes a reality for the individual or for the individual community, then enthusiasm often turns to resentment. It was that way in the beginning, is now, and ever will be to the world's end.

Yet Mr. Bennett is right. Right, at all events, in the gross. His choice was between economy and perhaps crippling taxation, and, knowing something of the effect of taxation, he took the path of economy. It is all very easy to argue that the Government at this time should begin throwing money about with abandon; but the people who argue that way don't appear to co. ider where the money is to come from.

In saving \$37,000,000 Mr. Bennett will appear to be hurting some people, will probably really hurt some. But, in guiding the affairs of a nation, the injuring of a few persons and communities is not as grave a thing as permanent injury to the entire country. In the circumstances, therefore, the only thing for the country to do is to try to put up with temporary inconveniences, to realize that there are cases which require a major operation, and give the Government a chance.

Protecting The Birds

(Montreal Gazette)

Jack Miner spent the sixty-fifth anniversary of his birthday showing some hundreds of visitors around his famous bird sanctuary in Essex county. The veteran naturalist, lover of birds and lecturer upon bird life, is doing splendid work in expounding the flight, migration, feeding and nesting habits, intelligence, friendships and musical abilities of these feathered minstrels. Mr. Miner has made the protection of wild birds his special mission; this is not so much by way of legislative enactments as by the spread of knowledge and that moral sanction which is more effectual than any external command. And to him is largely due the removal of many of the absurd prejudices and ill practices that formerly obtained concerning the alleged destructiveness of bird tribes. Being himself a farmer, and for many years a close student of bird habits, he can speak with authority upon these matters; and it is gratifying to note that the widespread campaign in behalf of the conservation of bird life has many able exponents and is achieving good results. The notion that birds are destructive to crops is brood of sheer ignorance, and has outstayed its leave. Birds have been called the "police patrol" of insect pests. Financial loss by insect ravage to the forest products of the United States has been estimated at a hundred million dollars; and the damage done from this source to field and garden and orchard crops would double this figure. As stated in a pamphlet issued by the provincial Minister of Agriculture at Quebec, the fruit-growers, farmers and forest owners are engaged in a struggle with insect hordes for the possession of the trees and crops. George Maheux tells us that, in the province of Quebec, statistics show that the ravage of insects costs the sum of ten million dollars annually. We may put this statement alongside the testimony of Charles Reed, who figures that there are five birds to the acre in the state of Massachusetts and that in this section of the country the insectivorous birds devour upwards of twenty thousand bushels per day. The same observer, giving some extensive statistics concerning the insect diet of the birds, estimated that in the Red River Valley, which is about the size of Massachusetts, some twenty carloads of insects are each day destroyed by the feathered friends against which, recklessly and foolishly, the deadly "22" rifle has been aimed.

What delightful books have been written about bird life by such writers as Richard Jefferies, Charles Dixon, John Burroughs, Richard Kearton, and many others! They have exercised a wholesome influence. Children in school today are taught something of the quaint habits of these "nature's happy commoners," and to make companionship with the little chorister "whose household words are songs in many keys." The custom of building shelters for such as stay with us through the winter, and for the summer tourists also, is increasing, and it is a good sign. For what brighter token of springtime than the return of the robins, meadow larks and song sparrows to their accustomed haunts? And there can be no doubt that many of these gay songsters love human homesteads and court human company. We have seen nests built in the dome of an electric device over a public park fountain. What about this for a town planning scheme? The soloist programme of these bough-swinging artists is as varied as is their nest-building craft and the markings of their eggs. What tone can excel the liquid accents of the oriole or, again, the greeting of the thrush, who sings "cheerio, cheer up" with a zest as if all April shook the strings of the throat? And if on no other grounds, the cheerfulness of

these choristers affords sufficient reason for the being properly protected. They give freely a joy that no money can buy.

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75c Bottle Nujol 68c
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A PRAYER FOR TO-DAY

Lord, in an age of steel and stone, When girder tell the dreamer's plan: Give me the grace to stand alone, Give me the strength to be a man.

As mighty trains on shinning rails Haste onward through the night and day: Send me on work that never fails Because of indolent delay.

As planes that plunge into the sky To find themselves upborne on air: Teach me the life of trust to try, And find the soul upheld through prayer.

From distant places voices speak— They fill the mind with mystery: Then may I now Thy message seek O, let me keep in tune with Thee.

Amid the motion of machine, The whirl of wheel, the rush of wings: Help me to live the life serene, Because victorious over things.

May something of the vast designs That motivate and move our days, Be but inevitable signs Which call life into lovelier ways.

—Charles Nelson Pace, in the Christian Advocate.

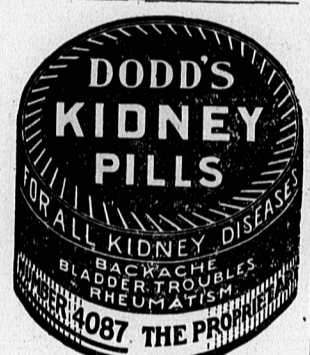
DEPRESSION BOOSTS DEATHS

HARTFORD, Conn., April 21. (U. P.)—"Depressions have a tendency to kill off rich people," says Assistant Tax Commissioner Farwell Knapp. He says death tax collections always increase when business is poor.

SOUGHT PEN FOR EDUCATION

CINCINNATI, O., April 21. (U. P.)—After having been convicted on a charge of robbing a store, Cecil McGruffey, 18, vigorously objected to a

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reformatory sentence because he Morrow accordingly sentenced him "wanted to go to the big house and serve from eight to 15 years in to learn something." Judge Thomas Ohio Penitentiary at Columbus.

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