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IN PARLIAMENT.

THE HOUSE, which has been doing complacently since the re-assembling last Tuesday, woke up suddenly on Friday to learn that there was a lively row on. The trouble, as reported by our Ottawa correspondent in Saturday's Guardian, was over the yearly "loan" to the Canadian National Railways and the manner in which the money was being expended.

The Hon. Mr. Dunning, Minister of Railways, as in duty bound, stood by his official, and characterized Church's language as "brutal." The row amused the members who were only spectators, but the vote went through for \$31,000,000, ten millions of which was voted last year, leaving this year's vote at \$21,600,000.

The Hansards of the present session are slow in arriving this session. Possibly the lithary which has possessed the House has reached the mailing department also.

THE DUNCAN REPORT.

Under that there should be no misunderstanding as to what the main recommendations of the Duncan Royal Commission are, we give again a brief summary of them. There has been much discussion, much unseemly propaganda emanating from various sources with a view to creating an impression that the recommendations were unfair to other sections and many of them unnecessary.

The Duncan Report suggested four or five major things. First of all it suggested an increase in Federal subsidies to the three Maritime Provinces as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Province, Amount. Nova Scotia \$875,000, New Brunswick 600,000, Prince Edward Island 125,000. Total \$1,600,000.

The Commission recommended that the heavy grades and curves on the Prince Edward Island mileage of the National Railways should be lessened, the work to be done on capital account. The cost of this work, according to the estimate of railway experts, will be roughly \$10,000,000.

The Commission also recommends a second ferry, or freight boat, between Prince Edward Island and the mainland, the capital outlay to be \$500,000. Also, in connection with Prince Edward Island, here is a suggestion that the harbors of Charlottetown, Georgetown and Summerside be improved.

Two short lines of railway are dealt with in the report. It advises that the Kent Northern Railway, a line 27 miles in length, in New Brunswick, be taken over, the cost of the treasury to be about \$60,000 or more, or \$1,620,000 for the whole road.

Finally, there is the Commission's recommendations regarding increased railway rate. It is that a

reduction of 20 per cent. on all Maritime rates should be made effective and that at the end of each year the railways should compute the cost of the reduction and bill the Dominion treasury.

WHY?

THE ordinary individual who earns his daily bread by the sweat of his brow is, perhaps, not supposed to know the why and the wherefore of the doings of the politicians whom they elect to represent them in Parliament and whom they pay fairly generously in proportion to services rendered.

The coal fields of Nova Scotia must be the great source of supply for the coke plant. Why haul it a thousand miles to convert it, and haul the greater part of the converted portion of it back over the same road?

The cost of erecting the coke plant will, of course, be defrayed by private capital, not by the government. Are all the capitalists in Montreal and Quebec? Is there not capital enough and courage enough in Nova Scotia to carry this work to completion? There are coke ovens in Sydney at present. Their product is being increasingly used throughout the Maritimes and, we believe, in Quebec and Ontario.

STATESMANSHIP?

IN Governments depending on popular support the politician who is more studious to pull the wool over the people's eyes and to outwit party opponents than to promote the public weal is too often conspicuous, declares the Toronto Mail and Empire.

Hence some allowance has to be made for sophistry or worse in many of the speeches that are designed to influence voters. But what other man at the head of a democratic Government asks so large a license for false reasoning as does Premier King? Consider the speech he delivered in this city on Thursday night at the Liberal banquet given in his honor.

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Notes by the Way

VERY guarded was Premier King's reply to Mr. Black of Yukon as to what Canada has done to protect Canadians in China. We are told that the Premier read a prepared answer in which he outlined the nature of the troubles in China and the attitude thereto. His definite statements were few and were limited in their scope.

That it would not serve any useful purpose to send Canadian troops under present circumstances is a conclusion which will be generally accepted in the House and the country. And that Parliament will be at once consulted should conditions at the front require it seems a plausible course.

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That Maritime members of Parliament should stand united as a body in support of the Duncan report goes without saying. Almost equally important is that the press, not only in the Maritimes but throughout the Dominion should avoid treating the Maritime case as in any shape party political. There is no politics or partisanship in the Maritime Commission's Report and none should be imported into the discussion.

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By James W. Barton, M.D.

That Body of Ours

BURNING CANCER TISSUE

At the very dawn of history we read of the scaring of the flesh by hot irons in cases of poisonous wounds or in old ulcers or growths. This method of treating ulcers and cancers has been popular, and again unpopular, with passing years.

However as skin cancers can be reached by the knife, or by the cautery as this heated instrument is called, the gratifying results obtained by this method of treatment is worth considering.

Dr. A. C. Scott Jr., of Temple, Texas, gives a history of one thousand cases of skin cancer treated by cauterization, as this flesh burning process is called. The tremendous heat actually chars the cancer tissues, and heat is diffused into the surrounding tissues also.

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Until such time as the cause of cancer becomes known we can simply use all known methods to prevent its growth within the body.

FOR THE SCRAP BOOK

A SERIES OF LITERARY QUOTATIONS FOR BOOK LOVERS

Monday, Feb. 14th. St. Valentine's Day.

Hail to thy returning festival, old Bishop Valentine! Great is thy name in the public eye, thou venerable Archflamen of Hymen! Immortal Go-between! Who and what manner of person art thou? Art thou but a name typifying the restless principle which impels poor humans to seek perfection in union? or wert thou indeed a mortal prelate, with thy tippet and thy rochet, thy apron and thy decent lawn sleeves? Mysterious personage! Like unto thee, assuredly, there is no other mitred father in the calendar: not Jerome, not Ambrose, not Cyril; nor the consignor of undipt infants to eternal torments, Austin, whom all mothers hate; nor he who hated all mothers, Origen; nor Bishop Bull, nor Archbishop Parker, nor Whitgift. Thou comest attended with thousands and thousands of little loves, and the air is

"Brushed with the hiss of rustling wings."

Singing Cupids are thy choristers and thy precursors; and instead of the crossier, the mystical arrow is borne before thee.—Charles Lamb.

Ideas are born; they have their infancy, their youth—their time of stress and struggle—they succeed, they grow senile, they nod, they sleep, they die; they are buried and remain in their graves for ages. And then they come again in the garb of youth, to slaughter and slay—and inspire and liberate. And this death and resurrection goes on, forever. In Time there is nothing either new or old; there is only the rising and falling of the infinite Tide.—Eliot Hubbard.

DAILY LESSONS IN ENGLISH

By W. L. Gordon

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Don't say "the task is most finished." Say "almost."

OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: survey, Accent verb on last syllable, noun on first or last.

OFTEN MISSPELLED: beneficiary.

SYNONYMS: apprehend, arrest, detain, restrain, capture, seize, secure.

WORD STUDY: "Use 2 word three times and it is yours." Let us increase our vocabulary by mastering one word each day. Today's word: ERRANT; roving or wandering; erratic. "He is a man of errant notions."

The Public Forum

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

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Sir,—I think it time for some consideration to be shown for dumb animals as well as for children and citizens. To walk on the street and see so-called representatives of law and order brutally shoot down poor unfortunate dogs whose only fault may be their muzzles have been stolen, I am sure there is a more humane way of destroying these animals if necessary.

I personally watched the police department, destroying one of these faithful animals this morning, it was sickening and heart-rending. There must be some other way of carrying out this part of the law in a civilized community. It is too dreadful for words. What use is there of having meetings to educate our children for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals when we allow our Police Department to pull off these cold blooded murders on our public streets, in front of all who may happen to be in the vicinity?

I am Sir, etc., A. PASSER BY.

THE PROVINCE IGNORED

Sir,—From January 29th to February 5th inclusive there was held in the Mechanic Building, Huntington Ave., Boston, an exhibition called the Sportsmen's Show. All the available space in that large building (basement included) was taken up by exhibits of wild animals of all kinds, birds and fish.

A large revolving map showing the Provinces of Canada was shown, and to the motorist it was a marvel in itself. It showed the Provinces, their capitals, and also the principal cities, lakes, rivers and mountains from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Thousands of people, with note books in their hands went from booth to booth planning next summer's motor trip, and no doubt Canada will be thousands of dollars richer on account of the advertising received from this wonderful show.

Is Prince Edward Island a Province of Canada? It was not even named on the map, much less represented in any part of this show.

I am under the impression that you have an organization for the purpose of encouraging tourists to spend their money on the Island.

I believe that this organization held a Fiddlers Contest and sent a delegate to represent "The Island" in a contest held in one of the far famed "down-east" dance halls of Roxbury.

This contest was attended by people do do not have to be told anything about Prince Edward Island. They go to the Island each summer and spend a very pleasant vacation with their relatives but as a rule they leave very little money behind them.

Let us hope that P. E. Island does not want to be advertised as a place where they have more "Fiddlers than plough shares" but that is the impression a good many Americans have about it as a result of this kind of advertising.

It is estimated that three-hundred thousand people, all prospective tourists, visited the Sportsmen's

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

February 14, 1927

GOD KNOWS:—Lord, thou hast heard the desire of the meek; Thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear: To judge the fatherless and the oppressed, that man who is of the earth may be terrible no more. Psalm 10:17, 18.

PRAYER:—Lord, Thou art a refuge for the oppressed and a deliverer, to all who put their trust in Thee.

THE UNDISCOVERED COUNTRY

Could we but know The land that ends our dark uncertain travel Where lie those happier hills and meadows low— Ah, if beyond the spirit's inmost cowl Aught of that country could we surely know Who would not go?

Might we but hear The hovering angels' high imagined chorus, Or catch, betimes, with wakeful eyes and clear, One radiant vista of the realm before us— With one rapt moment given to see and hear, Ah, who would fear?

Were we quite sure To find the peerless friend who left us lonely; Or there, by some celestial stream as pure, To gaze in eyes that here were so lovelli only— This wary mortal coil, were we quite sure, Who would endure? —Edmund Clarence Stedman.

Agricultural Values

OPINIONS OF EXPERTS

Secrets of Success

(Historical)

We have spent a short spell among the experts on Fodder and Pasture Plants, and have made some excerpts from this opinions on a few varieties of those plants which appear to contain the largest quantity of Agricultural Values; let us read them in ink, as follows:—

"Agricultural Values — Crimson Clover Hay is readily eaten by all kinds of farm animals, and is claimed to be especially suitable for those doing heavy work. Like other clovers it has the highest nutritive value when in flower and should not be cut for hay later than in full bloom. The blossoms are provided with a great number of rather long hairs soft and harmless before the plant has reached the flowering stage. When in blossom these hairs become stiff and may cause some serious indigestion. Experience has therefore shown that it is advisable to cut Crimson Clover a little earlier than in full bloom. Harvesting may be done in the same way as for Red Clover—Where the seasons are mild enough to allow Crimson Clover to be sown late in the summer, it can be pastured the same as in southern Ontario, making spring sowing necessary, pasturing must be limited to one season.

"As Crimson Clover plants produce a great number of heads containing numerous blossoms, a large amount of seed is generally developed as the quality of the seed is affected by rain. Favorable weather, however, is necessary during harvesting. The seeds are easily shed, and it is therefore advisable to cut when the heads are wet with dew, to handle the crop with the utmost care, and to thresh it as soon as possible. The average crop is from four to five bushels to the acre.

"No forage plant has been so important to agriculture as Red Clover. This is due not only to its feeding value, which is surpassed by few plants, but also to its service as a fertilizer and improver of soil texture. No other leguminous fodder plant is equal to it for these two purposes.

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