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ELIMINATION.

By a certain process the voluminous and eloquently expressed arguments with which the Bell Liberals extend upon their present unfortunate career, are being eliminated one by one and nothing now remains but a swan song on the glories that have been.

a memory which also shall fade away in due course, leaving nothing but a number of debentures which a grateful generation will liquidate in loving remembrance of a misguided ancestry.

"KNOW THYSELF."

It is the real friend who firmly and unequivocally tells a man his faults; the real enemy who, whether in mistaken kindness or deliberate purpose to drive him to destruction, condones and minimizes his faults.

We have from time to time, perhaps unsparingly, pointed out certain obvious and undeniable faults in the present Liberal administration. Where they digressed from the plain path of duty and honor, we pointed out the unwisdom and the danger of such a course.

Moreover, our criticisms and our comments have frequently been distorted from their original intention. For example, Mr. (now Mr. Justice) Arsenault, then leader of the Opposition, when Premier Bell introduced his taxation act in the session of 1920, in the course of a speech, made the statement that increased taxation was probably necessary, he himself had advocated it in another form, but, before the fight begins, if they are not hopeless they would select another to fill the office of Attorney General before the election to save a bye-election after his last, campaign promised us all, fear of retaliation. Well they from our share in the western school lands we thought he meant it. We have waited patiently four years and got our taxes multiplied by three. I can see men here who have left good farms for no other cause than high taxes and low prices and who would be glad to serve their country if they had a chance. If those men were called those small statesmen exterminators they would be considered impolite and I fail to see what other name would fit them. No wonder the Great Grattan said that man to betray his country than a lawyer of no ability to betray his clients.

When confronted with the report of the Chief Superintendent of Education which showed there were only nine vacant schools when they declared there were a hundred, and by the fact that the only teachers' strike that ever took place in Prince Edward Island was during the first year of the Bell administration and because of the treatment handed out to the teachers by the Bell Government, this boast faded away and has not recently been referred to.

They boasted that they had given the province some four or five hundred miles of the best road ever known since the days of the Roman Applan Way without costing the taxpayers a dollar.

When confronted with proof that the cost of these roads is exorbitant and that instead of costing the taxpayers nothing; the taxes were quadrupled largely to meet the enormous cost, this boast also died on their lips and the road that was to be a monument to Premier Bell became a milestone about his neck and the necks of the taxpayers.

They boasted of the unanimity and fraternal spirit that inspired the Cabinet in its altruistic efforts for the benefit of the Province.

When the fact was laid bare that members of the Cabinet were not on speaking terms with each other, that the captain had only escaped being thrown overboard by a mutinous crew only because they could not agree as to his successor and that the mutiny was only quelled temporarily by throwing the plot overboard, this boast of brotherly love also went by the board.

One by one these and other boasts of the party have been eliminated and there remains now nothing to boast of but "a certain fearful looking forward" to the 26th of July, when it is confidently expected that the Bell administration will enter upon its long career as

Notes by the Way

Feeling the sting of the charge that the Bell Government had grossly deceived the people, the Patriot seeks to offset it by the charge that the outgoing Conservative Government also deceived the people by estimating that there would be a surplus of \$743 in 1919. This estimate it calls a "promise". Nobody promised any surplus at all in that year or in any other year. Calling an estimate a promise is something too silly for serious refutation.

A farmer may estimate what his crop will be when it looks well in the spring. A frost or storm may come and he has but a half-crop. Well, Premier Arsenault estimated a surplus of \$743; there came a frost and it did not materialize. No promise had been made, much less broken. The idea of deception having been attempted in that connection never entered the Government or the Patriot's imagination until a few weeks ago. There was not even a molehill out of which our contemporary has now conjured up a mountain which it now calls a "dark stain" and "the greatest deception in history." And the \$743 was multiplied to \$743,600 making the silly twaddle a thousand fold more ridiculous.

It is not by such silliness that the voters can be lured to fall in love with Bell Government taxation, or to trust again the Bell Government promises. Shame and dishonor, a deep died stain rests upon the Deceivers who in violation of their pledged faith doubled the old taxes and piled the nefarious poll tax on top of them. That is the reason why not one of the Bell coterie has a safe seat today. That is why, even those of their old-time supporters who for party's sake may still give them another vote admit that their defeat is inevitable. It is notorious in every county of the Island that this is so.

The Great Deception and Betrayal of 1919-1920 will not down. The perpetrators of that colossal fraud must be punished. They themselves have come to realize that their doom is sealed. The Bell Government is shattered beyond repair. The fight begins. If they are not hopeless they would select another to fill the office of Attorney General before the election to save a bye-election after his last, campaign promised us all, fear of retaliation. Well they from our share in the western school lands we thought he meant it. We have waited patiently four years and got our taxes multiplied by three. I can see men here who have left good farms for no other cause than high taxes and low prices and who would be glad to serve their country if they had a chance. If those men were called those small statesmen exterminators they would be considered impolite and I fail to see what other name would fit them. No wonder the Great Grattan said that man to betray his country than a lawyer of no ability to betray his clients.

As for the Broken Promises of the Bell Government, they are like the demonic of Gadar. Their name is legion. They echo from the mussel beds of St. Peter's and Richmond Bay. The mere mention of our Ottawa claims recalls them vividly. The record of their confirmation flames from the pages of the Tax Act and the public accounts of expenditure. No Government supporter is heard to utter the word Economy, save with bated breath. And wherever there are ears to hear, or tongues to speak the Bell poll tax calls forth condemnation upon the men who imposed it, the falsehood and deception in which it was conceived and the iniquity in which it was shapen.

Do the poll tax payers love the poll tax? Do they like it the better for the treachery on which it was based? Let Messrs. Bell and Lea ask the question of the 1923 mostly farmers, who paid it in the Fourth District of Prince in 1922. Let Messrs. Duffy and Higgs ask the hundreds of deceived electors in Charlottetown. Also let them ask these Charlottetown electors whether or not they like it better or not for the false hope held out that they would be exempted or the tax reduced. These members of the Bell coterie say it must be continued and the Salary Grab along with the poll tax. For like the Siamese Twins, this precious pair were born on the same day and are bound together by a ligament which, if severed, might endanger the lives of both.

A precious pair of twins, truly, this Chang and Eng of the Bell Government. (Everybody knows the illegitimate parentage of the Twins.) The taxpayers know what it costs to feed them—about \$40,000 a year. The best medical authorities advise to cut the ligament and shorten the feed of the too-voracious pair. The date of the major operation is fixed for the 26th instant.

000 Orwell Bridge. But the Liberals have hung up too many bridges, spur lines of railway and lower taxation, all of which are still in the air. These bridges will not get the Liberals any votes.

The Public Forum

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

Low Prices And Emigration

Sir—And still they come! The fact that so many of the people of the Maritime Provinces and especially those of P. E. Island are flocking here in search of work and the price it should set those who remain behind a thinking. The great majority of the emigrants are a splendid type of citizens whose native land if they had a fair chance. Some leave home intending to return, while a majority of them come here to settle down and compete with the Jew the Greek and Albanian and sometimes worse stocks for a share of the necessities of life. I see by the Globe that there are 14,000 people in twelve steamships ready to enter quarantine tomorrow and many of those poor fellows will be turned back and lose their hard earned money that brought them over the sea. For the last five days I have been working near the look at the stores that are run by those foreigners who run the fruit stores, groceries, provision, hardware and dry goods. I often think what kind of a chance will the average P. E. Islander or off-shipper have when they are in competition with those shrewd speculators. I have worked on a job for a firm of Hebrews who specialized in pork and sausages and they handled it not by the hundred but by the ton. Their prejudice against the animal that divided the hoof but did not chew the cud seems to have died a natural death (and they worked on Saturday). Though the times here are pretty brisk at present they are coming now, and the people who are likely to return to find a better government and an honest administration than we have had for the past four years.

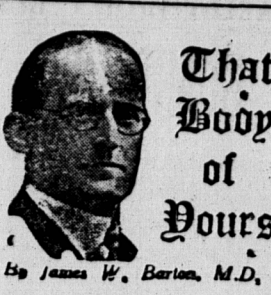
When you go into the stores to buy dry goods, boots, provisions, tools, hardware, it doesn't take you long to see where the trouble lies and you can arrive at no other conclusion than that the cause of the exodus lies at the door of both the Federal and Local Government. When Mackenzie King told us in Charlottetown that the promise was worth, and when Bell in his last, campaign promised us all, the good things that were to come, school lands we thought he meant it. We have waited patiently four years and got our taxes multiplied by three. I can see men here who have left good farms for no other cause than high taxes and low prices and who would be glad to serve their country if they had a chance. If those men were called those small statesmen exterminators they would be considered impolite and I fail to see what other name would fit them. No wonder the Great Grattan said that man to betray his country than a lawyer of no ability to betray his clients.

I am, Sir, etc., JACK CANNUCK.

An Appeal Sir—The School Board, teachers, pupils and janitor of Prince Street school have at considerable cost, and large expenditure of time and money, had the school grounds fitted up so that they are one of the beauty spots of the city. To keep them such needs the co-operation of the citizens. It was ago to visit the town of Yarmouth, N.S. Amongst the places visited was the County Academy. I was impressed with the well-kept grounds, all grass-grown, kept cut, surrounded by a hedge without a gap in it. I asked Principal Cameron how they managed to have such grounds. He replied that in the first place they had a janitor, who took a special pride in keeping the grounds in good condition; and then, he said, the pupils and citizens took a special pride in seeing that nothing was done to disfigure the grounds. Why, he said, the residents on both sides of the grounds act as a vigilance committee to prevent passersby from making paths across the grounds, or interfering with the hedges. We have as good a janitor as they have. Our pupils take as much care of the grounds. All we need is the active co-operation of the citizens.

In spite of all our care, there are paths across the grounds made by passersby who persist in making short-cuts, and unsightly gaps in the hedges. I am, Sir, through the medium of your paper, earnestly appealing to citizens, especially the residents of Prince and School streets, to help the School Board, teachers, pupils and janitor to make the school grounds a place that citizens may be proud of.

I am, Sir, etc., D. SEAMAN, Principal Prince St. School.



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WATER AT CAMP OR SUMMER COTTAGE

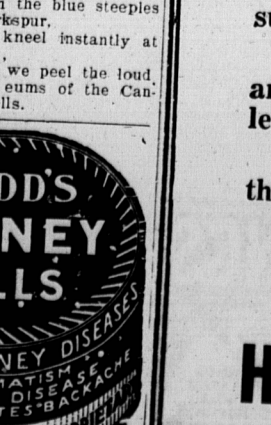
I realize that this is the twentieth century and that you have sense enough to know that impure water may mean serious illness or even death. And yet it would seem that people will still take their chance, and drink from wells that may have been exposed to all sources of contamination. If you could see what comes out of these wells or cisterns when they are cleaned out from time to time you'd be surprised, to say the least. I'll not tell you what I've seen myself, because I don't want you to swear off drinking water. Water, pure water, is a good thing, a necessary thing for that body of yours. Do you know when the analyst tests water as to its purity he tests about a dozen different things. He tests its odor, its color, its taste, makes a microscopic examination for vegetable matter and bacteria, and then looks into the matter of the way the water is collected and carried to your home.

All this is done by your department of health. So you see city water may not taste so good, but it is safe. And yet you will go to camp or cottage and perhaps take a chance on the water in the well or spring. Don't do it! If you are locating for a cottage or camp, and there is a well on the property, pump the water out for a few minutes and then secure a sample in a bottle for examination. Years ago the books gave us the simple tests with lump sugar, a filter with charcoal and gravel, and other advice, but this is hardly considered safe enough now. So your best plan is to have the water examined by the department of health. It costs you nothing, and worry and grief countless hours of Two simple effective methods of rendering the water safe are by boiling, or adding chloride of lime to it.

Boiling takes some of the taste out of water, but you can bring the taste back by just beating the water with an egg beater or a clean stick of wood. The chloride of lime method is so simple and effective that it is in everybody's power to render the water safe. A handful of chloride of lime thrown into the well once a week will keep the water pure. Remember, if the well has been uncovered during the winter, it should be pumped out completely before you use it.

CANADIAN GOVT BUYS FAMOUS DOCUMENTS LONDON, July 5.—The Times says the Canadian Government through its agent, Kashner, has purchased the famous collection of documents relating to the last years of the French regime in Canada which was made by the late Sir Thomas Philip, baronet of Cheltenham, who died half a century ago. The collection includes letters of Montcalm, the gallant leader of the French forces against the British under Wolfe on the Plains of Abraham. These are said to be of unusual interest. There are also memoirs of Louis XV., Bigot, the notorious intendant and others. It is seldom that letters written by Montcalm appear in the open Market.

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers CANTERBURY BELLS. (Amy Lowell.) Then I see you, Standing under a spire of pale blue larkspur, With a basket of roses on your arm. You are cool, like silver, And you smile. I think the Canterbury bells are playing little tunes. You tell me that the peonies need spraying. That the columbines have overrun all bounds, That the pyrus japonica should be cut back and rounded. You tell me these things. But I look at you, heart of silver, White heart-flame of polished silver, Burning beneath the blue steeples of the larkspur, And I long to kneel instantly at your feet. While all about we peel the loud, sweet Te eums of the Canterbury bells.



WOULD LIKE TO AMEND U. S. PROHIBITION LAW

OTTAWA, July 4.—United States Senator James Couzens, early associate of Henry Ford, possessor of \$42,000,000, accompanied by his two daughters and Miss Eleanor Mack, arrived in the Capital yesterday from an extensive motor tour from Detroit, Washington, Montreal and Quebec. Senator Couzens in an interview with a reporter of The Journal, stated that he was very much impressed with Canada, and thought that the States might take a leaf from Quebec's book with regard to the sale of beer and wine. "I think Ottawa is the most wonderful city in Canada," declared the pioneer maker of Ford cars. "This is the first time I have been in Eastern Canada since boyhood, and I think it is a wonderful country. Senator Couzens was deeply impressed with the House of Commons, the Senate Chamber, and the general appearance of the Capital's points of interest. He remarked that if the legislation of the United States could be amended as easily as Canada's the Volstead Law would be repealed and the sale of beer and wine permitted. That Henry Ford would easily be elected the next President of the United States, if he could get the Democratic nomination, was also held by the Senator. "I am sure that Mr. Ford would be elected," he asserted, "but landing the nomination is a most difficult proposition." Senator Couzens and party will leave Ottawa this morning at nine o'clock, and return to Detroit by way of Prescott and Buffalo.

TROLLEY CAR RUNS INTO OPEN SWITCH, 38 HURT

BUFFALO, N. Y., July 5.—The two-car trolley train on the International Railway Company's Niagara Falls right speed line was wrecked at North Tonawanda yesterday, plunged through an open switch. Official investigation has established this fact, but whether the switch was tampered with or accidentally left open is still in doubt. The train was going at fifty miles an hour when it left the rails and bumped along the roadbed 150 feet before one of the cars turned over. The other was held in position by one of the rails which was torn from the roadbed and rammed through the floor of the car. There were 34 passengers on the first car and 36 in the second and of these 38 were injured, three probably fatally.

Advertisement for S. A. McDonald. Text: "We are Opening New Goods Up Every Hour of Every Day". Includes address: Queen Street, Opposite Market House.

Advertisement for THE OLDEST INSURANCE AGENCY IN PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND. Includes text: "NOTICE TO IMPORTERS" and "HYNDMAN & Co. Ltd. 59-61 Queen St., Charlottetown, P.E.I."

Large advertisement for "The Haberdashery". Features an illustration of a man in a suit and text: "More Young Men's Suits at \$18, \$20 & \$22". Includes text: "Special Tweed Raincoats \$10" and "Henderson & Cudmore 101 Grafton Street".