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Partisan Civil Service Bill

Our local contemporary has begun "subgrading" the way for the Campbell Government's introduction of a partisan Civil Service Act.

The Government will be fooling nobody if it persists in this measure—least of all the disgruntled taxpayers, who are aware of the scandals that have developed in public administration as a direct result of some of the dismissals referred to.

No Prohibition Speech?

It is to be hoped that before he goes overseas for the Coronation, Hon. Mr. LEPAGE will enliven the legislative proceedings with a review of the prohibition enforcement situation.

Does the President of the Executive Council still believe, as he stated in 1935, that the measure of Prohibition enforcement is the measure of the sincerity of the Government of the day in carrying out this method of controlling the liquor traffic?

A review of present and recent conditions in connection with the CAMPBELL Government's enforcement of Prohibition, and particularly with regard to its beer sales, from one so well informed on the situation as Mr. LEPAGE, would be of great assistance to the public at this time.

Those Liberal Tariff Reductions

Putting through his textile tariff items under the new agreement with the United Kingdom in the House of Commons last week, Finance Minister DUNNING encountered some pretty stiff criticism from his own party supporters.

This roused Mr. R. J. DEACHMAN (Liberal, Huron North). The item under discussion was clothing and cotton fabrics, on which the new tariff is 25%.

On the next item—"woven fabric, wholly of cotton, for covering books; rate of duty 15 per cent."—MR. DEACHMAN complained: "There has been a straight reduction of 40 per cent. in the tariff for the advantage of the Canadian manufacturer."

On other items of clothing and fabrics on which the new duty is 25 per cent. as against 22 1-2 per cent. in 1930, MR. WARD protested

that the duty was "entirely too high." Mr. Ross (Liberal, Moose Jaw) did likewise, the latter declaring that like MR. DEACHMAN, he was a sincere free-trader.

This prompted MR. WALSH to ask: "Is the Liberal party in Canada a homogeneous party or is it a party made up of members who seek to be elected on their individual records as free traders, protectionists, and what not?"

MR. BENNETT: "Mostly what not?" Subsequently, on the tariff item of socks and stockings, which is differentiated by wool content into two categories, MR. DEACHMAN complained: "Speaking as a Liberal, if I may do so, I find it difficult to defend an item where the rate of duty is higher upon the socks bought by the working man than upon those bought by the cabinet ministers."

MR. DUNNING: "I do not acknowledge the hon. member's premise."

MR. DEACHMAN insisted that he had "worked it out," and gave the basis of his estimate. MR. DUNNING retorted that he was not accepting "these theoretical figures," but MR. DEACHMAN repeated them and added: "If the Minister wants real information I can show him the invoices."

MR. DEACHMAN, of course needs no introduction to Liberal readers in this Province. His articles on the tariff formed the mainstay of the local Liberal organ's editorial campaign against the BENNETT Government trade pacts, and were quoted by our contemporary as coming from the foremost tariff authority in the Liberal party.

Editorial Notes

May 12th next holiday—Coronation.

Crimean War ended this date 1856.

In discussing education reform let us not overlook the fact that, according to Professor Jones, but for Latin farmers would be farmers still—not Agriculturists.

It is regrettable that Mr. Peter Sinclair, M.P., should have been laid aside at this time due to accident. It is reported he has broken his ribs and is confined to hospital, unable to return for the Easter vacation.

Now that the senior member for Queen's is unable to attend his parliamentary duties, Mr. A. E. MacLean is the sole representative of the Island in the House of Commons, as the Finance Minister can hardly be so designated. We have reason to believe, however, that Senator Sinclair is still active as an unofficial member of the Lower House, and his advice is greatly relied on by Mr. Dunning.

What is done with the Campbell Government's "Slush Fund"—the profits from Prohibition? According to Rev. Mr. Watterworth these must be enormous, as during the first four months sales increased by \$14,000. The employers of the Government, the electorate, get no report or details of this enormous secret profit now that the Prohibition Commission has been abolished. In Nova Scotia the Macdonald Government loudly proclaim that 25% of their sales is net profit.

An attempt to cure children of the thumb-sucking habit by placing them in front of a mirror and forcing them to look at themselves was discussed at a two-day meeting of the New York Society of Orthodontists. The most recent method for curing the finger-sucking habit depends upon the parents of the offending parties. Twice a day they must put the children in front of a mirror for about five minutes and instruct them to suck their thumbs vigorously. The plan, according to its sponsor, overcomes the habit by making the children painfully conscious of it. The remedy is said to be based on child psychology and consists in reality of self-education. It is, however, still at an experimental stage and its value may not be judged until it has been generally put into practice.

The leading makers of better mouse traps foregathered in Chicago recently when Mr. Albert G. Burns, president, held forth on the latest development in mouse traps. He said: "It's kind of a perpetual motion mouse trap, the ultimate in mouse traps, I should think. As the mouse enters the trap, he sets the trap for the next mouse. Not only that, but the mouse is his own bait. Attracted by the odor of cheese, he peeps cautiously inside, and that is his undoing. Inside is a conglomeration of mirrors. The mouse sees himself reflected a dozen times, is tricked into believing there are a dozen other mice in there, and enters confidently. Click! The next mouse sees twenty-four mice, and is twice as confident. After a while you have all the mice in the neighborhood."

Whether or not the law can recognize a presumably miraculous cure may be a point to be decided by Mr. Justice Casgrain during the May term of the Montreal Superior Court. The action, hinging partly on whether an ex-constable who was formerly completely disabled had regained his health by prayers to Brother Andre, came before Mr. Justice Casgrain, but the roll was too crowded for it to go on. The former constable, Francois Lecuyer, was retired from the force December 1, 1934, when he was unable to work because of rheumatism. Later he filed action for the payment of insurance policies totalling \$2,000 under the permanent disability clause. However, a French afternoon newspaper January 9 of this year published a large picture of Lecuyer and a long article, both of which claimed he was cured by prayers to Brother Andre just after the latter died. Lawyers for the insurance company produced the newspaper record, but hearing of the case was delayed until May.

Notes by the Way

It must be very difficult to be a competent Dictator for any length of time. In Authoritarian countries a premium is put upon flattery and incompetence. Signor Mussolini has resisted his atmosphere so far, but is the system itself enervating to Italian policy, are the agencies appointed nowadays as good as those appointed a few years ago? This question must arise when European policy is considered. Italy has only one potential enemy, only one nation has proclaimed that its destiny lay across the sphere of Italian influence. Only the Germans have plans which reach from the North Sea to the Atlantic. We may be sure that Signor Mussolini knows this better than anyone alive. But Italian statecraft, at the moment does not show this.—The National Review (London).

Slowly and surely the economic importance, from a national standpoint, of the "old wood lot" which nearly every eastern farm possesses, is becoming apparent. Hitherto it has been considered valuable only to the individual for the firewood it furnishes and the occasional stock of timber that can—though far less frequently—than used to be the case—be hauled out for sale or for needed repairs about the farm buildings.—Montreal Star.

A war between the United States and ourselves seems to us so different in kind from any other war, so fratricidal, so unnatural that we refuse to contemplate it even as a possibility. For as long as I have known anything of British Government it has never entered into their calculations of what was necessary for defence.—Sir Austen Chamberlain.

Professor E. P. Cathcart, head of the department of physiology at Glasgow University in a recent lecture on food and nutrition said: Eat all kind nature doth bestow; It will amalgamate below. If the mind says so, it shall be so. But, if you once begin to doubt, The gastric juice will find it out.—Moncton Times.

The amateur prophets suggest that because of the unusually high temperatures that have been characteristic of this winter we are likely to have a cool summer. The records do not tend to support such a prediction. In the past, when there was an exceptionally mild winter, the succeeding summer usually was hot. That was actually the case in seven summers following the nine mildest winters in the last 96 years. The mildest winter on record in Ontario was 1931-32 when the mean temperature for December, January and February was 32.7 as compared with the normal for those months for the past 96 years, 23.8. The general explanation offered by weather experts as to why warm summers follow warm winters is that trends in weather persist. It is also the case, as in the present winter, that tremendous areas of the country are clear of snow and ice so more heat from the sun's rays can be absorbed and given off by radiation.—Woodstock Sentinel-Review.

Some amusement was caused by the "musical poetry." The Queen picked up a beer tankard, which at once started to play, from a concealed musical box. "Daisy, Daisy, Give Me Your Answer Do." She drew the attention of the Duke of Kent to it, and ordered one, and also a china cigarette box in the form of a dog kennel, which plays tunes while the dog delivers cigarettes from its mouth. Queen Mary found a tankard which plays the National Anthem.—London Times.

The happy mind rarely gives way to anger. It thinks clearly, and is efficient. Also it doesn't blame someone else for its own misfortunes. It is highly important that a day be started happily and ended happily, no matter how many incidents may spring up to disturb the hours intervening. Nothing in life is more inspiring than the good morning and good night.

Sir James MacBrien, commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, suggests that a saving of approximately \$1000,000 per year would be effected if Ontario, Quebec and British Columbia, like the other provinces, turned over their police work to the "Mounties." It is perhaps a natural idea for the commissioner to entertain. What general but wishes his "army" to be bigger? But Canada wants no national "police army" exercising the functions of provincial as well as federal police from sea to sea. The general effects of such a change would be to place too much power in the hands of the force thus constituted.—Toronto Star.

A despatch from Ottawa mentions the fact that John I. McFarland, former Chairman of the Canadian Wheat Board, was granted a "gratuity" of \$9,000, and was sent a cheque for that amount, but he returned the cheque to the "Treasury." It is a rare happening. It is so rare that it almost calls for three cheers and a tiger!—Toronto Star.

One firm in London stands to do a brisk business if coronation day turns out to be wet. They have a large supply of drizzle capes in coronation colors and embellished with the Saint James rose. That's just one of the hundreds of ways the London merchants are expected to cash in during the coronation festivities.—Windsor Star.

That Body of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

Rheumatism, or arthritis as it is now more frequently called, is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, disease of man; yet to-day it affects a large percentage of the population and next to the common cold is responsible for more loss of time from employment than any other ailment.

You can understand then how all over the world organizations whose object is to learn the cause and the best methods of treating rheumatism are hard at work.

That infection from teeth and tonsils is perhaps the commonest cause is known, and also that the weather, the diet, injuries, and heredity can all be factors in causing rheumatism.

As vaccines have been used with considerable success in various ailments it was only natural that vaccines should be tried in rheumatism. Unfortunately the reports from research workers in various countries showed a great difference of opinion as to the value of the vaccines; some report 40 per cent and some no cures whatever.

However in cases where the patient has had teeth and tonsils removed perhaps after considerable damage has been done to the joints in cases where the diet, heat, sulphur and salicylate treatments have brought no relief, the vaccine method of treatment would be greatly welcomed.

What may be a more effective way of using the vaccine method is outlined by Dr. A. E. Greer, Houston, in Texas State Journal of Medicine. Prof. Worth Dr. Greer searches for the focal infection—found nearly always in teeth and tonsils—but gives a period of vaccine treatment before an attempt is made to remove the infected teeth or tonsils. This prevents the severe symptoms which sometimes follow the removal of teeth and tonsils.

Dr. Greer then describes his method of injecting the vaccine directly into the vein, and gauges the dose from the degree of reaction shown by the patient. If the reaction is favorable the dose is increased. If unfavorable, the dose is decreased. There were 50 cases treated by this injection of vaccine into the vein, 39 of whom had diseased teeth or tonsils. Improvement was noted in 44 patients—88 per cent. Twenty-nine patients apparently recovered completely, but as 3 of these had a return of the arthritis, 26 or slightly over 50 per cent were considered cured as there was no return of symptoms after a period of 2 years.

Babson's Radio Experience

(St. Catharines Standard) Roger W. Babson, the well-known economist and commercial statistician, recently told a remarkable experience he had with radio and newspaper advertising. He broadcast an advertisement by radio at a cost of \$3,000 and received sixteen enquiries and two orders as a result. A couple of days later he printed his advertisement in five newspapers in different cities at a cost of \$3,000 and received 4,000 replies. The radio advertisement cost \$100 for each copy, whereas the newspaper advertisement was only 75 cents per reply. Sustained newspaper advertising with its power of the printed word, embellished by attractive illustrations and set-up has been proved to the satisfaction of every expert advertiser. Radio has been in use now for several years and yet the printing industry, due to its increasing advertising revenue, has reached an all-time high in employment and capital investment.

The Poet's Corner

Brown Eyes, were I your dresser's looking-glass I should reflect the glory of deep pools, And take no hurt; my surface, a cuirass, Would turn each lightning glance before I cool, I should give you grace without a quail, Your lissome form, your hair all lambent gold; Your skin, fair as a summer cloud, I'd psalm, Yet never sigh for love nor feel too bold. Content I fain would have you quickly gone, Lest your warm breath might veil my mirrored face; Calmly I'd watch you sleep till rosy dawn, And gravely dub you queen of all our race. But can I be cold mirror when your eyes Consume my soul with torment, dreams and sighs? —G. E. H. Charlottetown.

TIT FOR TAT.

"When did you blow in?" sarcastically asked the Sergeant. "With the last draft," replied the recruit.

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.

TANGIBLE AND INTANGIBLE

Sir,—I see our Liberal Government is now busy making arrangements to tax everything tangible and intangible, also to have a new valuation of the land with the object of increasing the tax. I, as a farmer would like to know if they have the power of law to do such a thing after having made a contract with the people of this province they would not increase the taxes. Now I would like to know if this pledge or agreement is binding, or was it just words to mislead us or was it the story of the spider and the fly, "come right into my parlor." I wonder if these men can be so ignorant of conditions on the farm or do they want to force all the farmers to appeal to the Farm Credit Board for adjustment. Why don't they collect the taxes due on present valuation? I saw some of the members were emphasizing the low prices the farmer was receiving for his products. I as a farmer was wondering if it would not be in order for a number of us farmers to put our heads together and test this case in the Supreme Court, or have we got any right to question the right of the dictators, or do we have to let them hold us by the nose and pour it down our throats. I saw in the Guardian the other day if the car licence and gas tax had been spent on the road paving and upkeep the road improvement would all be paid for now, and I noticed you did not include the farmers' road tax in your figures. I am, Sir, etc. FARMER

Folk-lore Of The Hebrides

The following paper, prepared by Rev. D. Maxwell MacDermid, on "Folk-lore of the Hebrides," and read at a recent meeting of the Leeds and Grenville Music Festival Association of Brockville, Ont., will be interesting to many in this province.

"From beautiful and historic Inverness, 'Capital of the Highlands' the London Midland and Scottish Railway line proceeds through the Lovat country to Dingwall, a clean little town in Ross-shire, Dingwall was the birthplace of Sir Hector Macdonald, 'Fighting Mac,' and his memorial crosses a hill behind the town. From Dingwall the branch line bends across Scotland from east to west, passes between Ben Wyvis and the Spide of Athpeffer, and then plunges into a wild and lummied land of mountains and fells which is northern Ross-shire, a land of bent and drabs, a land of sublime vistas, of wide and spacious landscapes, as inspiring as a poet's dream. There, where the railway ends on the marks of the ocean, is the quaint clachan Kyle of Lochalsh and, across half-a-mile of ocean, lies the Island of Skye:

"Grand Isle of Beauty, rising to mine eyes, In mystic glories of the summer noon; Thy riven peaks the inmost soul inspire, As they cleave the ether blue, and The mystic canopies of pale mist surround Peaks, cliffs and glens, where silence reigns profound."

"The Island of Skye, mountainous with coasts bold and rocky, is forever held in men's minds as the Isle of Bonnie Prince Charlie and Flora MacDonald. The romantic grandeur of its scenery setting for royal romance. Scattered throughout the Island, in its deep glens, are the remains of mysterious circles, towers and monuments of the Druids. On the rugged coast of the ancient seat of the MacLeods, of MacLeod. Here is the 'Fair Flag,' said to have been taken by one of the MacLeods from the Saracens. Here, too, is the drinking horn, holding three quarts, which, filled with claret, every chief of the MacLeods had at his coming of age. And at Dunvegan was the home of the famous MacCrimmons, greatest of all pipers, and hereditary musicians to the MacLeods of MacLeod.

But Skye is only one island in the group of about five hundred islands which are known as the Hebrides. Skye belongs to the Inner Hebrides, and has as its neighbors little islets with such fascinating names as Eigg, Muck, Mull, Coll, Tyree, Lamore, Staffa, Kerrera, Colonsay, Jura, Islay, Slat, and—most glorious of all—the "blessed Isle" Iona, burial place of kings. Separated from the Inner Hebrides by the Minch and Little Minch are the Outer Hebrides, comprising Lewis, Harris, North Uist and South Uist, Benbecula, St. Kilda, the Shianta, the Fannan Isles and—most famous than Skye—Barra, family seat of the MacNeils. Of the five hundred islands only about one hundred are inhabited. Invaded by Vikings in the Sixth Century, the Islands came subsequently under the rule of Harold Godwinson, King of Norway, and under Norse rule they continued until 1266. Then came the over-ownership of the Scottish race of Somers, until in 1346 Sir Macdonald of Islay made himself territorial chief under the proud title about which an

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