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WEST HASTINGS BY-ELECTION

The federal by-election in West Hastings takes place on the 25th instant. It will be recalled that the vacancy in this riding was caused by the resignation of E. Guss Porter, Conservative, who had accused the Hon. Mr. Murdock, Minister of Labor, of having taken personal advantage of Cabinet secrets in connection with the failure of the Home Bank. The charge was proved to the hilt, but the combined Liberal and Progressive parliamentary committee exonerated Mr. Murdock and Mr. Porter as in honour bound, resigned.

Mr. Porter's resignation took place on June 27th. Long after this vacancies occurred in St. Antoine, Rimouski, Quebec and Northumberland, N. B. and by-elections were held in these, they being regarded as safe seats. West Hastings was held over for a more convenient season.

Commenting on the delay in holding the West Hastings election, the Toronto Mail and Empire says in part:

"What is the reason for keeping West Hastings five months without representation in the House of Commons?"

The reason is that the Government needs time to set on foot a campaign in which scruple will be thrown to the winds. No stone will be left unturned for the carrying of that Conservative stronghold. The government fully realizes the ferocity of its undertaking and is not shrinking from desperate measures to succeed. West Hastings, whether in its old bounds or in its new, has voted Conservative in every election but one since Confederation. Mr. Porter has carried the seat by large majorities in every contest since the by-election of 1901, when he was first returned to the House. The relations between him and his constituents have always been those of warm friendship. If he had not been an extremely popular man in the riding he could not have represented it continuously for nearly 24 years in the House. It is safe to say that his hold on the riding has been strengthened by his courageous and honorable action in resigning the seat. . . . To beat such a man in such a riding the Government could have no chance in a fair fight. But a fair fight it does not wage, and the foulest kind of fight against Mr. Porter was resolved upon. No Liberal in the riding would accept nomination against him. The study of the Government was therefore to find a candidate in the ranks of the Conservative party. It succeeded in getting one. Some time and very strong persuasion must have been necessary to induce a Conservative to break away from his former political association with Mr. Porter and to accept nomination at the hands of the Liberal party. Will Mr. Hanna's desertion of the Conservative organization and his acceptance of nomination as the standard bearer of the Liberal party recommend him to any party?"

EDITORIAL NOTES

Potatoes are moving as they never moved before.

Private enterprise paved the way for the British potato market.

Lloyd George is experiencing the buffets of fortune, all the unkind kicks and cuffs a man gets when he is down.

Great minds think alike. Premier Massey of New Zealand agrees

with ex-Premier Meighen that there is no sense in bursting through an open door.

The King government is going to review the judgment of the Railway Commission on the Crow's Nest Agreement. The Progressives have the Government by the throat.

When en route to Kingston Penitentiary Peter Smith, ex-treasurer in the Drury Ontario Government declared that he was very sorry now that he had ever left the farm to become a cabinet minister of Ontario. Vain regrets.

The Baltimore Representative who made cider wholesale and distributed it in kegs to his friends has got a verdict in his favour. The court held that the half-per cent alcoholic content does not apply to home-made brew, and that the authorities must prove that it is intoxicating "in fact" before a conviction can be obtained. We suppose this means the Prohibition officers must experiment on themselves.

The Marquis of Curzon who is said to be slated for a dukedom is one of the most brilliant diplomats of his generation. In his younger days he was a great traveller and student of Oriental life and politics, so much so that when he rose to speak in the House of Commons on the Eastern question he was always sure of crowded benches. But the Marquis has been cursed, or blessed, with a mannerism which is inclined to irritate the average man. This was hit off by one of his fellow students at Oxford in the couplet: "George Augustus Curzon, is a very superior purzon."

Why has U. S. A. become and insists upon remaining a Prohibition Nation? Largely because her leaders of industry recognize that the present age will be more and more mechanically developed and that autos on land, in the air, and on the sea predominate to such an extent that safety shall demand the full possession of ones senses behind every wheel. Disaster dire and frequent, would be the consequence were men to be permitted to imbibe socially as in a past generation. "Am I my brother's keeper?" has been answered in the affirmative by the U. S. A. from a materialistic point of view, so far as sober autoists and airplane operators are concerned.

The Spectator which has hitherto been champion of Free Trade Conservatives in England has abandoned its old ideas and accepted the tenets of the new Protectionist school. In reviewing the result of the election it says: "Liberals explain their failure by saying that the issue of Free Trade and Protection was not sufficiently emphasized in speeches, or, at all events, was not sufficiently considered by the electors. We fancy, however, that the old conflict between Free Trade and Protection, as abstract doctrines, can never return. Though we regret it, we have to recognize that circumstances have driven a wedge into Free Trade. In all its completeness it cannot unfortunately exist under present conditions, and still less under the promised conditions, and we should not be surprised if the Labour Party became the real Protectionists of the future. In brief, the manual workers cannot be moved as they used to be moved by the mere assertion of the Free Trade doctrine."

Notes By the Way

Canada imports sugar in vast quantities from year to year at great cost which could be produced at home, not from the sugar cane which grows only in tropical countries, but from the sugar beet, which could be grown abundantly in every province of the Dominion. It has been demonstrated that the sugar beet when grown on Canadian soil—here in Prince Edward Island—is of as high saccharine content as in France, Germany and other European countries where the beet sugar industry is extensive and prosperous. And yet there are as we believe but three or four beet sugar mills in operation in the Dominion and these are located in Ontario.

The difficulties in the way are many and serious. The necessary machinery to equip a sugar factory is costly and it is not made in Canada. For profitable operation it costs from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 to construct and equip a factory capable of handling from 20,000 to 40,000 tons of beets. These must be grown within a few miles of the factory as the beets rapidly lose their sweetness when exposed to the air or are bruised from rough handling or jolting between the field and the factory. The yield of sugar beets ranges from 10 to 20 tons and upward per acre.

No company would undertake the large outlay required to build and equip a sugar factory unless it had first contracted with enough farmers in the vicinity to produce for years to come collectively enough tonnage of beets to supply the factory at a stipulated price and for a term of years. Farmers as a rule are cautious and hesitant about contracting to produce a crop that they have not before handled, and of which they do not know the cost of production. This necessity of cooperation between the factory and many farmers for a term of years under contract has been a main obstacle in the way of beet sugar production in Canada.

Other impediments and hindrances are the high cost of labor and of fuel in Canada as compared with the cheap labor in Europe where beet sugar is produced, or in the West Indies and other countries where cane sugar is a staple product. Twenty thousand tons of beets grown at a rate of 15 tons to the acre would involve the planting of 1333 acres in this crop. But with the prospect of good prices and the incidental advantages of creating a large new industry in their community one would think that forty or fifty farmers living near together might be induced to devote 30 or 40 acres each to growing sugar beets.

The Home Bank closed its doors fifteen months ago. The President, H. J. Daly died a few months later. On the report of the curator eight directors, with the accountant and auditor were arrested and since then there has been a long succession of trials, postponements and appeals from judges decisions one or more of which were carried to the Privy Council. It has been a feast of fat things for the big lawyers to prosecute and defend the accused directors and officials. There are four crown counsel employed for the prosecution at \$300 a day each, besides a representative of the federal Finance Department. The defence has proportionately equal strength of legal talent engaged.

It is stated that during the first three trials 108 witnesses were examined, these including a number of experts who are paid four times the modest one dollar a day allotted to other witnesses. The stenographic reports of the three trials are said to cover 1,200,000 words. It is also stated that Judge Coatsworth will be unable to complete the remaining trials of the Home Bank series before the middle of February. Truly a long and costly job in the courts. And this is still but a bagatelle compared with the losses of shareholders and depositors which amount to millions upon millions.

The consequences of wrongdoing in connection with the Home Bank will in their various ramifications touch the pockets of every taxpayer in the Dominion. Depositors are asking the Government to repay their losses and may succeed. A long debate in Parliament during last session, with an aftermath in the coming session, and the by-election in West Hastings must be included as incidentals in the loss and cost of the general public. Will the appointment of the new Bank Inspector at \$15,000 a year prevent the recurrence of such ruinous bank disasters? Let us hope so.

Just why the Veniot Government seem painfully anxious over the coming by-election in Moncton is



WHAT THE LABORATORY MAN SAYS

I was talking to a group of business and professional men at a luncheon recently, and told them that five minutes exercise daily, and cutting down their food about twenty five per cent, was about the best advice I could give them, if they were to remain clearheaded for their work.

I related the statement of the college president, who said that in his years of teaching, he found that a constipated person was not really responsible for his actions, mentally, physically, or even morally. At the conclusion of the talk a physician, who did the pathological work at a general clinic in that city, came up to me and said, "You didn't make it strong enough. At least seventy five per cent of our cases give a history of constipation, and more than fifty per cent can trace their trouble to this cause."

Talk about the tonsils, the teeth, the gall bladder, why I'll admit that they cause a lot of the trouble in the human body, but when you just stop and remember the number of feet of intestine in the body, and the poison that gets into the blood due to the sluggishness of the intestine, you can get some idea of the trouble that can be set up in the body.

Now this pathologist is from a clinic where they do everything from diagnosing a slight skin infection to a major operation. I talk so much about overeating, and the effects upon the body of a sluggish or lazy intestine, that I feel that my readers may think that I overdraw the picture.

However here is a physician whose duty it is to examine microscopically the blood, urine, intestinal content, the secretions and the actual tissues of patients, who come in with every kind of trouble, and with every kind of a history.

And whether it is some slight skin trouble, or a malignant growth he had the above statement to make regarding the harmful effects of a sluggish intestine. So when the laboratory doctor verifies the statement of the physician it is certainly worthy of your consideration.

Don't you think so?

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

NOVEMBER 17, 1924
A MUCH NEEDED PRAYER:—
Give me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Psalm 51:10.

PRAYER:—Come thyself, O Lord

into our hearts, and then they will be continually renewed.

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

MOTHER'S WAY

Tender, gentle, brave and true,
Loving us what'er we do!
Waiting, watching at the gate,
For the footsteps that are late,
Sleepless through the hours of night
Thou she knows that we're all right,
Pleased with every word we say—
That is ever mother's way.

Others sneer and turn aside,
Mother welcomes us with pride;
Overboastful of us, too,
Glorious in all we do,
First to praise and last to blame,
Love that always stays the same,
Following us wher'er we stray—
That is ever mother's way.

Beauty? She would let it go
For the joy we learn to know,
Life? She'd give it gladly, too,
For the dreams that we pursue;
She would tell that we might play—
That is ever mother's way.

Not enough for her are flowers,
Her life is so bent with ours
That in all we dare and do
She is partner, through and through;

Suffering when we suffer pain,
Happy when we smile again,
Living with us night and day,
That is ever mother's way.

not clearly apparent at this distance. They elected Hon. C. W. Robson there five years ago by a majority of 993 as Minister of Lands and Mines. Their present candidate is Hon. Mr. Rand, holding the office of Attorney General. In May last the Government had a majority of 10 in a House of 48. But, of course elections are uncertain. The general election comes next year, the province has a staggering debt of over thirty million dollars and Premier Veniot, clever and resourceful as he has shown himself to be, has been far too lavish in spending provincial money and is now facing another big deficit this year. So a reverse in Moncton just now might spell disaster in 1925.

That Body of Yours

Candid Camoes

LORD BIRKENHEAD ON FRIEND AND FOE

(“Contemporary Personalities.” By the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Birkenhead. Cassell and Co. 21s.)

It is a disconcerting task to settle in one's mind whether the Earl of Birkenhead is the more brilliant in the use of the spoken word or the written word. Many months ago, before the Labor Government came into office, the ex-Lord Chancellor of Coalition days took up his pen to put on paper his impressions of contemporary personalities. Now he offers his collected impressions to the world at large.

It is a courageous thing to do just at this moment, because in the cameo portraits of his thirty-two subjects he displays honesty of comment which may be personally inconvenient for one who is himself in the front rank of contemporary personalities. He is very much the candid friend to his next-door neighbor, as it were. A few quotations from his sketches may be given as illustrative of the deftness with which he picks out the salient features of his neighbors.

Snapshots

Lord Balfour.—It is, indeed, like sketching a chameleon upon a postage stamp. . . . No short or superficial survey of the political history of England will provide an elder brother so radiant, so youthful, so sophisticated, so learned.

Mr. Asquith.—He fights cleanly, wins without insolence, and loses without rancour.

Mr. Lloyd George.—In Mr. Lloyd George there are so many facets that a new study at a fresh angle inevitably and always suggests a new conclusion.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald.—Flexible as a Parliamentarian, he is dogmatic as a schoolmaster. And if the forces which are opposed to Socialism do not forget their other defences, and band themselves together, in time this schoolmaster and secretary may be the new, if paler, Cromwell, who will yet give modern England a taste of what the kingdom of the latter-day saints means to life, property, and happiness.

Sir R. Horne.—When the last dread passage in Charon's boat confronts him he will, with characteristic Scottish prudence, have disposed of his last obol before leaving the world, but will pay his fare by a Scotch story which has already by much repetition gained the meed of mundane applause.

Vicount Grey.—If any human being in the whole world of either sex had actually been as impeccable as Lord Grey contrived to appear, he or she might very reasonably have acquired a separate heaven for ultimate habitation.

Mr. J. H. Thomas.—He enjoys all that is enjoyable in life with an unconcealed and rather attractive zest. He is an extremely agreeable if not over-silent companion, and in the merry company which the genius of Tabelais imagined he would, I think, have found himself in almost all respects well-equipped and at his ease.

Mr. Snowden.—He struck the outside observer as a kind of inverted Hugh Cecil — which Lord Hugh might have been had he chance to be an extreme Socialist instead of an extreme Individualist.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain.—I do not think that as a young man Austen Chamberlain saw visions, or that as an old man he will dream dreams.

Marquis Curzon.—The manner is perhaps a little pontifical, almost pedagogue, so that the less reverent among the younger peers, commonly refer to him as “the All-Highest,” and indeed, in great controversies he does speak a little with the air of Zeus the cloud compeller.

Mr. Churchill.—He is looked upon as reserved, insolent and even domineering. For these illusions his own demeanor is “unintentionally” much to blame. He has no small talk, and says everything that comes into his mind.

What is important is that, despite his candour, Lord Birkenhead retains the friendship of most of these neighbors. In itself this is a tribute to his fairness and freedom from malice. The more daring

Your Birthday

NOVEMBER 17.—You have good judgment, are a careful manager, and a splendid leader. You are affectionate, tender, and thoroughly reliable. Your friends always respect you, and come to you for advice and help. Cherish love, and value your home life. Your birthstone is the topaz, which means fidelity. Your flower is the chrysanthemum. Your lucky color is grey.



Some Facts About the Navy League

IT IS A FACT THAT The Navy League pays pensions to the widows of those sailors of the Mercantile Marine who made the Supreme Sacrifice in the Great War, because there was no Government Grant or assistance for the widows of these men.

IT IS A FACT THAT The Navy League cared for 160,000 sailors on the Atlantic Coast last year of whom 60,000 were at Halifax. 50 men were assisted to obtain their prize money, medals and scrolls.

IT IS A FACT THAT From the sea comes the love of adventure. Adventure discovers new Markets for our Canadian produce and manufactured articles. With greater markets comes greater respect for the sea-faring life. Where respect is there is also pride. To be proud of their sailors should be the ideal of every Canadian man, woman and child. The Navy League fosters that ideal.

IT IS A FACT THAT The Navy League of Canada is maintaining at Charlottetown a splendid School of Navigation thoroughly equipped to give the higher training to our seamen, that is necessary to enable them to become masters and mates. This School will reopen for the season's work in December, under the tuition of Capt. M. C. Allenby, R. N.

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