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THE LIBERAL CONVENTION.

The Liberal convention in Ottawa this week, at which Prince Edward Island Liberals were represented by Mr. J. H. Bell, appears, from the meagre reports to hand, to have been merely a preliminary canter in preparation for a grand inter-provincial mobilization which they expect to pull off in August. All the provinces with the exception of Manitoba, were represented, either personally or by proxy, and the consensus of opinion, according to Liberal authorities of the grade represented, was that if the Liberal factions in the different provinces could be united before the date set for the grand rally in August, the prospects for a return to power were at least as good as they were before the last election.

The conference, we are informed, arrived at one conclusion; they agreed to "bury the hatchet as far as conscription was concerned." This will be some rumoral if it takes place. It will be remembered that the Liberals forming this convention are those who left the party on the conscription issue previous to the last election; the real Liberals are still in possession of the hatchet, and they have not only made no preparation for the burial, but they positively refuse to have it buried. Doubtless it would be a good stroke of political business for the former to get it buried beyond hope of resurrection, but, like Banquo's ghost, it will not down.

This province, as already remarked, was represented by Mr. Bell who informed the convention that he had a provincial election on his hands in his own province and that until that was dis-

posed of "the Liberals here would discuss federal politics very little." Mr. Bell evidently knows little about the discussions going on at present in Prince County among his former colleagues in the provincial legislature, three at least of whom are more interested in federal than in provincial politics. Mr. Bell, however, with his aspirations for provincial honors, cannot be expected to see two things at once. Besides, Mr. Bell has issued a "Progressive Policy" for the provincial Liberals and, although it did not require much ingenuity to construct it, seeing that with the exception of one plank, "Votes for Women," it has all been copied from the present conservative platform, still it would to a certain extent distract his attention from federal complications.

The appointment of a leader, according to our yesterday's telegrams, developed some complications at the convention, the outcome of which is not yet definite. Mr. McKenzie, it will be remembered, committed the unpardonable sin when, remembering the Nova Scotia industries, he expressed his belief in protection. The western extremists demanded his head and indications to date point to Mr. Martin of Saskatchewan as the man of the hour. In the final choice however, the provinces this side of the west will have a say.

We understand the delegates left the convention in a very thoughtful mood, none knowing just exactly where he was at except that the great political ocean lay before them and that something had gone wrong with the chart.

ARBOR DAY.

Next Friday, May 23, will be observed as Arbor Day by the city schools and, we trust, by many of the country schools. It is now many years since Arbor Day was first observed in this province, so many that not a few of our grown-ups can look with considerable pride and many happy recollections upon full grown trees with the planting of which they celebrated Arbor Day in their childhood, away back beyond the years. Trees are living things, things of beauty, and the boy or girl who plants a tree, nurses it through its tender years, protects it from the crushing snow and rears it to full growth, will not only have contributed to the world's beauty but will have added much of value to their own character and their own enjoyment. It is good to love the trees for their own beauty—and nature produces few things that are more beautiful than a symmetrical tree; good to love them for their usefulness, good to love them because they are living and can be trained into greater beauty.

We trust that Arbor Day this year will be more generally observed than ever before; that more trees will be planted than ever before; planted in commemoration of peace; planted as memorials of the greatest year in the history of the world, the year in which peace is to be signed; planted, too, as a memorial to some one who sleeps "neath other skies and other trees than ours."

The Government And Better Housing

The Government is deserving of great credit for the Housing Bill, by which not only those living in the towns but everyone wanting to build anywhere on P. E. Island can borrow 75 per cent. of the money required from the Government at only 5 per cent. interest. This matter of better housing for many of our town dwellers, farm help and fishermen should be viewed more broadly than from a purely economic aspect. It is expedient in this prosperous land that all the people who need them should be provided with sanitary homes, however small, with beautiful surroundings.

Children are admitted by all, especially those who have none, to be our greatest asset today. The improvement in living conditions means the conservation of child life. Since bad housing is admitted to be the main cause of preventable diseases, the problem of life-saving is largely involved in the problem of providing better living conditions for the population. A Yale professor is authority for the statement that at all times there are 3,000,000 persons in America, suffering from some kind of illness, and that one-half of them are suffering from illness which would be prevented by better housing conditions. Not reckoning the extra expenditure for medicine and extra foods, this professor figures that the working people of the United States lose \$550,000,000 annually in wages through illness brought on by bad housing conditions.

In European countries it is well known that the highest infant death rate and the greatest juvenile delinquency coincide with the points of great congestion in housing accommodation. In the United States it has been shown that in the tenement house districts of the cities there is 50 per cent. more tuberculosis than in the districts of individual homes. In contagious diseases the comparison is even less favorable, there being double the number in tenement districts to those in districts of individual homes.

So better housing is really a matter of vast importance. It means healthier men and women, and more work. It means the saving of infant life. It means less waywardness and crime as a consequence of the better upbringing of our boys and girls. It means for them a better training and a clearer and more wholesome outlook on life, with more self-respect. Our climate, our public health and the betterment of the morals of the young call for clean and comfortable dwellings for all, amidst pleasant surroundings. The better home is a national as well as a provincial asset of enormous potential value.

Raised in a good Island home and the fear of God success in this world should be easy for any youth with the good sense and resolve in starting out in life to escape journalism and avoid such minor pitfalls in the path of success as fermented liquor and those described in the seventh chapter of Proverbs.

Daily Selections for Guardian Readers

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WITHOUT CAPITULATION

That was a fine thing that Robert Louis Stevenson said about friends. He said that we should keep our friends' capitulation, which is to say that we should always stand up for our friends and stand by them.

The test of a true friend is this, that he will neither disown nor desert you, no matter what may be your misfortunes or the mistakes that you may make.

Every man makes a mistake some time. And is there a man yet born who has never suffered misfortune? Well, if then you shall look about you and find those who are still at your side with the same love and loyalty that they gave you when the sun was shining clear, put it down that they are your friends.

And, in such case, surely you can take heart again. "No man is useless so long as he has a friend," said Robert Louis.

Thank God, the world is full of such friends. It is the glory of our humanity that the least of us can call to our hearts those who cannot be induced to turn from us their faces in any shadow that can fall across our paths.

Once a man was asked why he had voted for a certain candidate for office. "He is my friend," answered the man. "But have you no other reason than that?" he was asked again. "I need no other reason," was his reply.

Pray God to bless them these your friends. Pray God to keep bright, the fires that warm them and fill the ladders that feed them. Were it not for them the world would fall apart.

HINTS FOR The Motorist

BY ALBERT L. CLOUGH

LUBRICATE, LUBRICATE AND STILL LUBRICATE

"Is Everything Oiled," Should Be The Motorists "Eternal Question"

If this article could be printed in red ink or in some extra strong kind of italics, it ought to be done, though no other were ever thus accentuated, for lubrication is far and away, the most vital subject connected with the care and maintenance of motor cars. There are many "chances" that a motorist can take with his car and "get away with them," without injury. He may skid his car without hitting the curb, corner around corners on two wheels without tipping over and shave a 5-ton truck without losing a hub-cap, but he cannot neglect lubrication without the penalty. The consequences are inevitable and will infallibly become apparent later if not at the time. Just as sure as two working surfaces run dry, they will wear out and nothing can prevent them. All operative parts of a car must be lubricated all the time and not part of the time, or by fits and starts. There must be no break in the condition of perfect lubrication, for such an interval may be sufficient to destroy or irreparably injure expensive parts. After injurious wear has occurred, flooding the affected surface with oil, is fruitless, and repentance of no avail. Lubrication must be absolutely continuous and uninterrupted or its purpose is defeated.

If two new cars of the same model were taken out upon the road and one of them stopped by being run into a telegraph pole, while the other was run until it stalled for lack of lubrication, it is not at all unlikely that the former car would be worth more, for the damage to it would be mostly upon the surface, and such as could, at reasonable expense, be fully repaired, but the other car would probably have received vital injuries of a concealed and deep seated character, such as scored cylinders, and pistons worn out, wrist-pins and burned out bearings, the repair of which would entail costly replacements and very extensive labor. Damages from lubrication failure are concealed and cancerous and the difference between these two suppositions cars is somewhat that between two men, one with a broken leg, the other with a feckly heart. Engines may be carbonized and mechanism made sloppy by too much oil, but no car was ever permanently injured by excessive lubrication while practically all are injured by fitful or insufficient oiling. It is hoped that we have "put this across," for it is the most important "Hint to the Motorist."

Encouragement to Good Roadmasters

Sir,—I note in your issue of the 20th an item complimenting Mr. Campbell and Mr. T. B. Gillispie for the splendid condition of the Cape Traverse road all of which is true. The item in question does not do Mr. Gillispie full justice as his jurisdiction covered the road leading from Carleton to Grenville. Further comment is unnecessary. "Tommy," as he is familiarly known, is some road builder and too much praise and encouragement cannot be given to willing men like Mr. Gillispie whose salary is inadequate to the efficient service rendered. As a matter of fact we believe Mr. Gillispie invented and designed the sluice way between Mr. Mon's shop and Mr. Waddell's corner at Carleton, which proved to be immensely popular with auto owners as well as vehicles of a lesser speed velocity. To tell the truth we trust the day is not far distant when our genial T. B. will grace the front benches of the legislature and become advisory to the Commissioner of Public Works which position he is eminently fitted for.

I am Sir etc. TAXPAYER.

May 21, 1919.

PRESENTATION TO PTE. J. H. MALLARD.

On Wednesday, the 23rd inst. Pte. J. H. Mallard of Gowan Brae arrived home from overseas where he spent almost 4 years. He was met at the station by a party of his friends and escorted to Gowan Brae school, where three rousing cheers were given for the brave Canadian. Mr. William Howlett presided. An address was then read by Mr. Peter Conway and a purse of money presented to the returned soldier, who acknowledged the receipt of same in a few well chosen words. Then supper was served by the kind ladies of Gowan Brae, after which dancing was indulged in till the wee sma' hours. After another sumptuous repast God Save the King was sung, and all repaired to their homes. Following is the address:

Dear Friend,—We deem it a pleasure that we are privileged to meet

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here tonight to extend to you a hearty welcome home after your four years absence, during which most of your time was spent in the actual theatres of the most dreadful war on record, and in which we are proud to say our own brave Canadians have played such a gallant part, for we are well aware of the fact that when and where other troops failed our brave Canadians succeeded and went over the top. But it is not of the Canadians as a whole nor yet of the soldiers of P. E. I. that we wish to speak tonight, but of the boys of our own locality, those of your friends assembled here tonight. We are not unmindful of your great valor before the fire of the enemy. You and your comrades have stood by your guns and conquered a foe in defence of civilization and freedom, and especially you, sir, we are proud to say was one of the first to offer your services to do your bit to defend our great Empire, and although some of your brave comrades will never return yet you, sir, after spending years in the thickest of the fight, have under the guiding hand of a Divine Providence been spared to return unscathed and tonight your presence with us brings joy and gladness not only to your home but to those of your friends assembled here tonight. You and your comrades have stood by your guns and conquered a foe in warfare, and now we sincerely trust that when the terms of peace, which will give to the world strength and morality, are signed, you with your brave comrades will act the same heroic part of the last four years in the moulding of a purer and better world. In welcoming you back tonight we wish you to feel that we appreciate the part you took in the great struggle and would ask you to accept this small gift, not for its intrinsic value, but that it may convey to you our heartfelt approval of your services to us and our country. Again we say, Welcome Home! One hundred thousand Canadian women are represented in the Federation of women's societies recently formed at Winnipeg, Canada.

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