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BRIGHTENING PROSPECTS.

In a recent address, speaking of the brightening prospects of this province, Mr. McCready, Publicity Agent, said in part:—
Last year was a prosperous and promising one for Prince Edward Island. Our farmers had good crops and excellent prices. Thousands of our people received large dividends on their investments made here at home in fox-breeding. Ottawa proved more sympathetic than it had been and gave us enlarged subsidies. This year for the first time in our history the provincial revenue is confidently hoped to pass the half-million mark. This will give more money for needed public services, more for our roads and bridges, more pay for our school teachers, hitherto but poorly rewarded, more money for the instruction of our young farmers. The very large attendance at the excellent Short Course held recently in this city attests how greatly this is appreciated. And we have got back the control and possession of our oyster fishery, which under the judicious measures now being taken promises to be a mine of wealth to the province in the years to come.

A NEW ERA.

With these great and important gains we have secured the car ferry, the promise of a great highway to the mainland, open winter and summer, giving us the boon of uninterrupted through traffic, without transhipment, from the point of production to destination. This important work with the standard gauge on the Island Railway should do great things for us. For such an improvement in our transport system some of us have labored long, hoping against hope, amid so many disap-

pointments that many had almost despaired of ever seeing it accomplished. Now it is almost in sight, the surveys made and the contracts let. This means the beginning of a new era for Prince Edward Island, and all of us without respect of party lines must feel that our best thanks are due to our public men here and at Ottawa who have brought it about. He believed it would increase the value of our farms and farm products throughout the island from 10 to 25 per cent. But it would be much more than that. It would give us that equality of opportunity with our fellow-citizens on the mainland which had been so long denied us. Already it had displaced despondency with hope and courage. Our candle, long hid under a bushel, was about to be set on its candlestick. We feel that the time has come for our beloved Island to arise and shine. (Applause.)

REAL PART OF CANADA.

Improved transportation would make of this province a real part of the great Dominion in a sense that it had never been and never could be under the old order of things. It would set free the springs of our legitimate trade and industry, prepare the way for new industries here, stimulate and broaden our social and commercial life and open new avenues for enterprise. Last year was the best in our history for home investment, for the development of corporate enterprise and for actual increase in material wealth. This year promised to equal if not to surpass the record of 1912 in material progress, while it strikes a strong new note in public philanthropy in the way of generous giving for worthy humanitarian purposes. (Applause.)

INDEPENDENCE OF PARLIAMENT.

One of the outstanding virtues of the British Parliamentary system is its independence. No man dare with impunity interfere with the freedom of a member of Parliament in the exercise of his duties in the House. He has entire liberty to express his opinions within parliamentary language, even though in the expression of them he should use words and make reflections which would lay him open to an action of damages for slander if uttered outside the four walls of Parliament. In the interests of the people whose rights he is there to guard and protect, it is held to be absolutely necessary that a member should be free from all the ordinary restraints which circumscribe the speech and actions of ordinary men. This is a tremendous lever for good or evil to place in the hands of some six hundred and seventy members of the British Parliament, but experience has proved that very rarely has the liberty been abused. Members knowing their privilege to be great do not seek to take advantage of it to the detriment of another, or of an outsider, unless they have sufficient evidence on hand to justify their action.

But this great privilege carries with it, as all such privileges must, a corresponding responsibility. If a member be granted the fullest and freest liberty to advocate the rights of the electors and defend the constitution from uncalced for inroads upon its bulwarks, he must, on his part, be prepared to make a personal sacrifice, and with him this takes the form of what is generally known as the "self-denying ordinance." By this the member forfeits the right to participate in any office or contract of profit under the crown or for the public service. Should he do so he is instantly disqualified from holding his seat in parliament, and liable to a heavy penalty for each occasion on which he votes after having invalidated his membership.

The act governing this "self-denying ordinance" dates back to 1782, and itself declares it was made to preserve the freedom and independence of Parliament; and the mischief guarded against is the sapping of that freedom and independence by members being admitted to profitable contracts. The enacting words do not apply to all contracts, their action being limited in two ways. In the first place the member of Parliament must have directly or indirectly undertaken the contract with certain specified officers or departments in the public service; and in the second place, it must appear that the contract was made for, or on account of, the public service. This is for the purpose of purity of representa-

tion and integrity in the discharge of parliamentary duties. Very rarely is any member of the British Parliament found to contravene this ordinance; indeed so sacred has the ordinance become that it has been applied to all public corporate bodies in the Old Country, down to the smallest city council or burgh commission, so that no man in public life can plead ignorance of its existence. No man would willingly risk the odium of being unseated for such contravention.

It has been left to a Liberal member of Parliament to cause the unexpected to happen, and not only so, but to hold on to his seat until the decision of the Privy Council has compelled him to quit the House. The facts are these:—Sir Stuart Samuel, a Jewish financier, and brother of Mr. Herbert Samuel, the Postmaster General, represents the Tower Hamlets division of Whitechapel (previously represented by Mr. James Bryce, the newly retired Ambassador to the United States). His firm, of which he is the principal, made contracts with the Secretary of State, for India in-Council for borrowing money upon short loans, for purchasing India Council bills and India Treasury bills, for subscribing India Government loans, and for purchasing silver for the purposes of the Indian currency.

This trafficking between Sir Samuel's firm and the India Office had been going on for a considerable time in secrecy, and it was only when a scandal arose in connection with the purchase of silver having been transferred from the Bank of England to Sir Samuel's private firm, by which it was alleged he made \$150,000 in one deal, that the matter was brought to the notice of Parliament. Sir Samuel and his friends in the Liberal Government maintained that he had not contravened the "ordinance"; but at the request of the Opposition a Select Committee was appointed to make investigations. Owing to the absence of one of the Liberal members from that committee at the time the report was drawn up, there was a tie in the voting, so the decision was referred to the Privy Council, with the result that Sir Samuel has been declared to have lost his seat.

This coming on the top of the Marconi Scandal, in which Sir Rufus Isaacs, Mr. Lloyd George and Lord Ribbentrop have got so sadly mixed up, has caused a great deal of uneasiness in all parties in the United Kingdom, the feeling having got abroad that Jewish financiers are bent on sapping the purity of public life, by substituting "graft" for self-denial. It may yet prove that these two

scandals will do more to wreck the Government than anything the Opposition could possibly have contrived.

NOTES.

At the time of joining the association the members agree to stamp each egg with a given number designated by the Board of Directors. This is done so that the eggs of each member may be identified when graded and payment made according to quality.

The live stock branch stands ready and willing to help on the egg circle movement in every possible way. Officers of this branch are now in the field, and there is available a quantity of literature, including outlines of constitutions, by-laws, etc., dealing with the work, copies of which may be obtained upon request from the Live Stock Commissioner, Ottawa.

A limited number of circles will no doubt be able to take advantage of the rapidly growing select trade in the larger Canadian cities, but from the fact that the wholesale egg dealers in Ontario and Quebec have recently adopted a new system of buying on a basis of quality, it is likely that the product of the majority of circles will find its way to the consumer through the more recently established channels of trade.

A manager is appointed by the Board of Directors whose business it is to collect, grade, sell the eggs and apportion the returns among the members according to the quantity and quality received. In most circles the eggs from each farm are collected at stated intervals, but in others the members deliver the eggs to some central point such as a creamery, cheese factory, store or house, from which the manager makes the shipment.

Being primarily concerned with the improvement of the Canadian egg trade the live stock branch has encouraged the formation of these circles because the movement affords a means whereby the quality of eggs can be improved as they leave the farm, and the pernicious practice of holding eggs both on the farm and in the country store largely eliminated. Co-operative effort of this kind also affords a medium whereby the eggs in any given community may be collected and marketed frequently and regularly, and insures to the consumer a new-laid egg of uniform quality at no great increase in cost.

An important part of the poultry work of the live stock branch of the Department of Agriculture, during the past year has been the organization of co-operative egg circles. Ten circles in all have been organized under the auspices of the branch, working in conjunction with the provincial and agricultural college authorities and the Poultry Producers' Association of Canada. The preliminary work in connection with a number of others has been done, and from present indications it is apparent that this phase of co-operative work is likely to have a rapid growth in the near future.

It is well known that at certain seasons of the year there is a wide difference between the price received for eggs by the farmer in the country store and the price paid by the consumer in the city. This difference is not nearly so marked in the spring of the year as it is in the late summer, fall and winter. In other words, as the quality of ordinary farm eggs becomes more uncertain the premium placed on new-laid circle eggs increases. While during the spring of the year prices received by circle members may not greatly exceed those paid in the local store, it is a fact that for the eggs produced in the month of December last year the majority of circles in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec received a price of from .45 to 50 cents a dozen.

TO LIMIT METHODIST PASTORAL TERM.

TORONTO, April 29.—The abolition of the present time limit of the pastoral term of Methodist ministers, was recommended by the Toronto Methodist preachers at a meeting yesterday, and the general conference will be memorialized to this effect. Such action went with the adoption of a report on the "down town problem," which said that "inasmuch as any thorough solution of the question must evolve through a process of years, and centre around a person, especially fitted for the work, it was the opinion of the committee that the time has now come when a longer pastoral term than is now possible to any but men in mission churches is imperative, if we would successfully minister to our generation."

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MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE.

Mr. Cecil Deveraux who has been visiting friends in Charlottetown for the past few days, returned to his home in Kelly's Cross yesterday afternoon. He has almost completely recovered from his recent illness.

The following from the Edmonton Journal will be of interest to their Charlottetown friends: Mr. J. D. Hyndman leaves on Saturday for Victoria, to bring Mrs. Hyndman and family back from spending the winter there.

Mr. J. A. McDonald, of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, arrived in the city Tuesday night and left yesterday afternoon to spend a month at his old home in Hermanville. It is seven years ago since Mr. McDonald left here and he will remain home for about a month.

Mr. Alex. J. Stewart of Idaho, son of the late Mr. James Stewart and Mrs. Stewart of Caledonia, has been staying at his native place for some time renewing acquaintances. He has two brothers here Messrs J. F. and Malcolm Stewart, and three sisters, Mesdames Kate McDonald, Christy E. Millar and Anna B. Melling, who were glad to welcome him after an absence of twenty-three years.

Mrs. Margaret Garlepy, wife of a well-known business man in Boston, has been visiting her old home in Caledonia after an absence of over twenty years. Her two sisters, Mesdames Mary McPherson, and Catherine M. Stewart, and her brother Mr. William McLennan, gave a big reception in her honor as she was leaving to return to the city of her adoption accompanied by her niece, Miss Effie McPherson.

Miss Etta H. Fraser, Lady Superintendent of the Killum Lake, Rhode Island Sanitarium, who came to Eldon a few days ago to attend to her cousin, who was ill with appendicitis, left Tuesday morning on return to the Sanitarium. Some of Dr. Friedman's demonstrations were given at the above institution, but Miss Fraser could not remain to witness them, as she received an urgent despatch to leave for Eldon, just before Dr. Friedman's arrival.

A London special to the American says: Confidential negotiations, it is reported, have been started for the marriage of the Prince of Wales and the Grand Duchess Olga, eldest daughter of the Czar and Czarina. Time will show whether the negotiations will be successful, but both Royal parents are stated to be anxious for the union to take place. Neither the Prince nor the Grand Duchess has yet seen each other, but it is probable they will accompany their parents when the Czar and King George meet in autumn at the Villa, Harders, Queen Alexandra's villa near Copenhagen. A visit to St. Petersburg during the height of the Court season toward the end of the present year is also suggested for the Prince of Wales.

The following is taken from a Boston paper and Mrs. Bauer was formerly Miss Marie Robertson, well known in Cornwall, where she visits her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. J. T. White. Mr. H. E. Prescott, No. 6 Newbury St., gave a recital on Wednesday afternoon, April 2nd, when he presented Mrs. F. L. Bauer, who has been under his training for the past two years. Mrs. Bauer, whose voice is a full, rich soprano, of magnificent quality, sang the following songs: "My Lovely Cella"—Higgins; "My Heart over Faithful"—Bach; "Slumber Song"—Franz; "As when the Dove"—Handel; Indian Lyrics—Findean; No. 1 The Temple Bells, No. 2 Less than Dust, No. 3 Kaehmiski Song, No. 4 Till I Wake; "The Cock Shall Crow"—Carpenter; "La Colombe"—Schindler; Shadow—Mabery.

A very successful temperance meeting was held Thursday evening, April 11, in the Main street Baptist church, Sussex, N. B., under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. and the Ministerial Association. An excellent musical programme was carried out and very interesting and instructive lecture was delivered by Rev. R. H. Stavert, of Harcourt, N. B., formerly of Wilmet Valley, P. E. I., provincial organizer for the Sons of Temperance. The lecturer eloquently portrayed the evil results of the liquor traffic and illustrated its terrible effects upon human life with stereoscopic views. Rev. Mr. Stavert touched slightly upon matters of local interest, making reference to the unwarranted selling of liquor prescriptions by some of the local doctors, and spoke a few highly commendatory words of Mr. Ball, the Scott Act Inspector for the county of Kings. Other temperance meetings will be held in the near future under the same auspices.

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