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CITY REPRESENTATION

As the capital of the province the City of Charlottetown has a right to be represented in the government. With one sixth of the population of the whole province the City has had no voice in the cabinet to present its claims or to voice its grievances if it had any, or to stand as arbiter, if one were needed, between the respective claims of city and country. Whether our representatives in the legislature were considered by their colleagues as the cabinet timber or whether they evaded the responsibility for their own convenience is beside the mark; the thing is that we have not been represented in the Cabinet and that this ought not so to be. In the formation of the next cabinet provision should be made for a proportional representation on the government executive. It is quite conceivable that either Mr. Higgs or Mr. Duffy held a seat in the Executive Council during the past four years some things had happened would not have happened. For instance, had Mr. Higgs been a member of the government when he announced at the citizens meeting in May, 1920 that he had promised to reduce the provincial poll tax in the city would be reduced, he would have been in a position to insist upon the fulfilment of the promise. It was the promise that he kept; the provincial poll tax in the city remains as it was when citizens made their formal protest and received Mr. Higgs' promise of reduction. Mr. Higgs has borne the odium of having failed to redeem his promise and today are applying to the Bell Government which they were solemnly assured they would not have been obliged to pay. Many explanations of this have been offered, none of them satisfactory, and the fact remains that Mr. Higgs made a promise to his constituents that has not been kept, and his colleague, Mr. Duffy, concurred in his promise. As already stated this might have been averted had either Mr. Higgs or Mr. Duffy been in a position, as a member of the Council, to insist upon the solemn promise of the government being carried out—such a promise was made. Unquestionably the city has a right to be represented in the Cabinet; it has special claims which need to be presented and these claims can be efficiently pressed only by a representative of the city on the Executive Board.

THE GANG SPIRIT

We are frequently reminded, and very properly, that there are good men in both political parties. No one denies this and it may be said with pride that representatives on both sides of the House in this province will measure up well with the average legislators in Canada or elsewhere. As private citizens they are, we believe without exception, as honorable and as honest as the average. In public life, with a party to stick to, with party traditions to uphold, with party sins to account for and party aspirations to assist matters of honour and honesty may easily assume a different character. It is here that the real test comes, here that a man reveals his strength or his weakness, here that a man shows whether he is worthy to represent his constituency or his province. This is the test that today is being applied to the Bell Government, now on trial for its stewardship and this, their best friends are knocking them down. One of these compelled to admit, is where the Conservatives are blameworthy of them have failed. Forcing the Bell government for increasing this failure perhaps they are not equally responsible. Some of them have been repeatedly informed is try to knock him down?

EDITORIAL NOTE

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The Public Forum

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Cruelty To Animals

Sir,—Visiting the market yesterday my attention was drawn to the number of horses tied on the market square. I understand there is a city by-law, prohibiting this, but why is it not enforced? These poor dumb brutes (mans best friend) standing there under the hot sun, tormented by flies, for five or six hours is surely cruelty to animals, and their owners must be getting very poverious if they cannot afford to pay the paltry sum of 15 or 20 cents to stable their horses. Its up to the City Council to see that this is remedied, and that our nice square is not used as a stable. I am, Sir, etc.

CITIZEN

A Suggestion

Sir,—Many persons in this city and throughout the Province feel that the representative of our King, the man who directed and led the Canadians in the capture of Vimy Ridge,—one of the most difficult and glorious engagements of the whole war—should not be left in his car at the railway station in that out-of-the-way part of town with its marshy and dirty environment, to hear the music of the going and incoming trains and the sirens of the locomotives. Many persons think that it will be an "everlasting disgrace" if Lord Vimy, the Governor-General of our country, his lady and his suite, are not received here and treated as visitors—not as mere tourists—coming to see our Province. It has been suggested—not by Mr. Brown or Mr. Sterns or any one particularly interested in the hotels—that rooms at either the Victoria or Beach Grove Inn should be reserved for the Governor-General and his party while they are here. This proposal seems to be a good one, in the circumstances. We all regret that our beautiful situated Government House is not now available. Next to it, these hotels would be the best sites, in the Province from which to see our Island. Perhaps His Honor the Lieutenant Governor and those who are with him may be influenced by the arrangements for His Excellency's stay while here will take this suggestion into consideration. I am, Sir, etc. W. L. COTTON

Notes by the Way

A politician is charged with breaking his promises, made to his electors. His occupation in life may be that of a farmer, a merchant, a lawyer, or a physician. He may be, and too frequently is, guilty as charged of a political breach of faith. That does not mean that in his ordinary intercourse with his neighbors, his customers, his clients or his patients, he is wanting in truthfulness or reliability. Too many public men in public life have a double standard of morality, one for use among his neighbors and acquaintances at home and the other for the larger circle in which he serves as a representative.

Such politicians usually think it a merely venial offence to make promises as to not increasing taxation, or to be economical in voting away the public moneys, and so on, when they are in opposition and breaking any or all such promises when they and their party attain to power. They have a double standard of morals, one for private life and another standard for political life. This feature has become the biggest issue in our political affairs. Shall our public men keep faith with the people they represent, or shall they be permitted to break their promises with impunity?

This vital issue has become the more urgent and serious since nearly all of the men elected by the dominant party in 1919 have been again nominated. And yet never in the memory of the oldest voter has any like body of men been so frequently, so publicly or so persistently charged with having broken faith with the electors who supported them. It has been charged that in scores of public matters and in almost every feature of their public policy and doings they have violated their

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not what the Conservatives and the Liberals as well as blaming the Bell government for. What they are complaining about is that the Bell government promised to reduce the taxes and instead of doing so increased them. Will the Patriot attack this real man and inform is try to knock him down?

Happenings Of The Week

The lilacs out in Somerset— The Lilac and the May; And all the red, the burning earth It making holiday. There's nothing quite like Somerset To drive you mad in Spring— The scent and the content of it— The way the thrushes sing; The very depth and color In the glory of its green, Is deeper than all depth of joy. That may or might have been. And if the Angel Raphael Takes walks with mortals yet I know he catches up with them Somewhere in Somerset!

The Governor-General and Lady Byng of Vimy, with several members of the vice-regal staff, left Ottawa Saturday night for the Maritime Provinces, and will visit Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and Quebec. They are now in New Brunswick. Their Excellencies will be joined later by Major Archambault, and will return to Ottawa about the first of October.

Miss Mary Allison, the popular girls' work secretary for the Maritime Provinces, has been appointed general secretary for girls work for the Methodist Church of Canada, and leaves for Toronto in the fall to take up her new duties. Miss Allison's many friends in Charlottetown, although regretting her departure from this district, will wish her continued success in her larger field of service.

St. James never looked prettier than it did for the Orphanage Tea on Thursday, when hundreds of visitors motored or walked out to take tea on the spacious grounds kindly loaned for the occasion by Mr. and Mrs. Donald McKinnon.

Most of the summer visitors are now in residence at Holland Cove. Miss Rosching and Miss Murray of Edgehill, Windsor, N. S., are again occupying the cottage at the shore which they have had during a number of summers, and Prof. Mackay, of the McGill Engineering Faculty, with Mrs. Mackay and her young son and daughter, are also in their cottage on the hill for the fourth or fifth summer. Mr. and Mrs. L. C. DesBrisay and daughter, of Montreal, are also in a cottage occupied by them during a previous summer. Mr. Cochrane of the Montreal Standard, with Mrs. Cochrane and daughter are here for the first time, and very much pleased with the cottage and surroundings. Miss Florrie Pope has Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pope and child of Ottawa, staying with her. Miss Pope and Mrs. Morrison and Miss DesBrisay are occupying the cottage nearest to the dining hall. Rev. E. M. and Mrs. Malone and son have one of the cottages at the shore. Mrs. Charles McGregor with Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Gordon and Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Beer and their boys are usual occupying a large cottage and Mr. and Mrs. T. E. MacNutt and family. Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Cotton and Miss Cotton are together occupying one of the larger of the summer resort cottages.

Last Sunday was "Lilac Sunday" at the Victoria Hotel. There were present about sixty-five guests. The dining room and tables were appropriately decorated with lilacs and the menu was an excellent one. During the dinner solos were rendered by Miss Wright, Mr. E. Arsenault and Mr. Fred Duffy.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Palmer have as their guests their daughter, Mrs. Reagh, of Montreal, and her children.

Summerside has had a gala week and except for the rain of Friday, nothing happened to mar the pleasure of the week's program which was enthusiastically carried out in detail. Charlottetown was well represented in all the sports and many went up for the different events on land and water. An especially large crowd went up for Dominion Day which was one of the biggest days of sport in Summerside's history.

Mrs. A. G. Putnam, with her family, spent a day with Dr. and Mrs. Johnson this week, en route to Eldon, where she will spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. D. A. MacLeod.

Rev. Dr. George Duncan and Mrs. Duncan, of 161 Stanley street, Montreal, leave for Europe on Tuesday next, sailing on the Minedosa for Cherbourg. After spending some time in Brittany, they will proceed to Scotland, returning to Montreal early in September.

Mrs. H. M. Mackay, Montrose Avenue, Montreal, has arrived to spend the summer at Holland Cove. The Earl and Countess of Strathford and their two daughters will be interested in this news.



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That Body of Yours

or else eat a real full sized meal from soup to desert, and take a little time for reading or resting for a short time afterwards. You can't go back to close mental work immediately after a heavy meal. Then a light meal at night of course, I know that it is almost useless to talk to many business men about trying to use a little common sense about the noon lunch. With some men lunch time comes at twelve o'clock one day, and about two-thirty the next day. You can readily see that in a case of this kind the light lunch is the safest proposition, with a real dinner at night.

SUMMER DIET

Perhaps a thought or two about what you eat in the hot summer months might be of interest. As I've said before one can always talk about food because it is really the most important thing in the world as far as that body of yours is concerned. You are just what you eat—nothing more—nothing less. And another thing—the work in which you are engaged should be the determining factor in the choice of foods. For instance, if you work entirely with your brain through the day either in commercial or professional life, you must do one of two things at lunch time. That is, eat a light lunch of salad, some whole wheat bread and a vegetable or two, visit Canada early in August. The Earl is Lord Byng's nephew.

If you work with your body, you must get plenty of food, and the food must be the ordinary vegetables are insufficient. You must eat peas, or beans to balance things. If eggs agree with you, they are a wonderful food to repair worn out tissue. So in thinking about food for the summer, remember that in a general way less food is necessary than in winter time, but that is about the only difference you need to make in your diet—that it be less in quantity. You see if you do without meat or eggs, your blood will get thin, if without fresh fruit and vegetables the blood will be without necessary salts, and wasting and weakness will ensue.

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

TO KNOW IS TO FORGIVE

If I knew you and you knew me— If both of us could clearly see, And with an inner sight divine The meaning of your heart and mine, I am sure that we would differ less, And clasp our hands in friendship; Our thoughts would pleasantly agree. If I knew you and you knew me, If I knew you and you knew me, As each one knows his own self, we could look each other in the face And see therein a truer grace. Life has so many hidden woes, So many thorns for every rose; The "why" of things our hearts could see, If I knew you and you knew me, Nixon Waterman, in "Merry Mood"

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